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## News Tracker ... What's new with old news

## States

**Accused dog-handler:** A Detroit woman who once was recognized as one of the nation's best trainers and handlers of cadaver-sniffing dogs was sentenced Tuesday to 21 months in prison for planting bones and other fake evidence in cases she worked.

Sandra M. Anderson, 43, of Sanford, Mich., pleaded guilty in March to five felony charges, including obstruction of justice and making false statements to federal authorities.

**Ten Commandments judge:** A judge dismissed a lawsuit demanding that ousted Alabama Chief Justice Roy Moore pay the \$550,000 in attorneys' fees awarded to groups that sued to have his Ten Commandments monument removed from the state judicial building.

The order by Circuit Judge Tracy McCooley, which attorneys received Tuesday in Montgomery, said the 10 citizens who filed the suit had no legal standing to seek the recovery of spent state funds.

**Late-term abortion ban:** The Justice Department said Tuesday that it will appeal a Nebraska judge's ruling striking down the Partial-Birth Abortion Ban Act.

U.S. District Judge Richard Kopf declared the ban unconstitutional Sept. 8, saying it interferes with the right to an abortion and fails to allow exceptions when a woman's health is in danger.

The Justice Department said it will challenge ruling on both counts before the 8th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals.

## World

**Sept. 11 suspect:** A Moroccan charged with helping the Sept. 11, 2001, hijackers viewed Americans as enemies and appeared to support the attacks on the United States, a former fellow prisoner testified Tuesday.

Muhammad al-Qahtani, a 32-year-old Turk serving a sentence for illegally entering Germany, told the Hamburg state court that he spent several months at the same prison as defendant Moumin el Motassadeq when the latter was in custody awaiting trial.

El Motassadeq, charged with more than 3,000 counts of accessory to murder and membership in a terrorist organization, has acknowledged knowing Hamburg-based hijacker Mohamed Atta, Marwan al-Shehhi and Ziad Jarrah as friends but said he was unaware of their plot.



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**Taking off:** An aviation boatswain's mate crosses the flight deck last week following the launch of an EA-6B Prowler from the "Cougars" of Tactical Electronic Warfare Squadron 139, aboard the USS John C. Stennis in the Indian Ocean. The Stennis and embarked Carrier Air Wing 14 are taking part in a scheduled deployment to the western Pacific Ocean.

**Asian bird flu:** Thailand declared a national war on bird flu Wednesday as a death toll in the epidemic rose to 30 with Vietnam confirming another fatality, amid concern that the virus had passed from human to human.

Thai Prime Minister Thaksin Shinawatra said the disease must be eradicated before colder weather sets in, when people are more vulnerable to viruses. Migratory birds believed to spread the illness also arrive then.

His remarks came after Thailand set alarm bells ringing Tuesday when it reported its first case of probable human-to-human transmission of the virus.

**Abandoned baby:** A woman whose infant son died after she abandoned him last year outside a conference of Asian leaders in Bangkok, Thailand, was sentenced Tuesday to 25 years in prison, a Criminal Court official said.

Nongnuch McKaweney, 23, was initially sentenced to death, but the penalty was reduced after she pleaded guilty to murder and child abandonment charges and was found to have acted out of stress and confusion, the official said on condition of anonymity.

**Wandering crocodile:** A crocodile that be-

came a Hong Kong celebrity by evading capture for months will be put on public display at the local research institute it now calls home, officials said Tuesday.

The croc — named Pui Pui, or "precious one" — has been held in quarantine at the Kadoorie Farm and Research Institute since it was snared in June after making headlines by foiling hunters from Hong Kong, Australia and China for seven months.

## Military

**Land acquisition:** Native Hawaiian groups went to court Monday to try and block the Army's acquisition of 1,400 acres of pineapple fields and other agriculture land near Schofield Barracks for its new Stryker brigade.

The groups contend the Army failed to consider any location other than Hawaii before deciding to move forward with plans to renovate and expand existing island facilities to transform the 25th Infantry Division's 2nd Brigade at Schofield Barracks to a more mobile, fast-moving Stryker unit. The new brigade would bring 291 Stryker vehicles and about 800 additional soldiers to Hawaii.

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# DODDS-Pacific students lag a bit on SATs

BY SANDRA JONTZ  
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Stars and Stripes

CAMP FOSTER, Okinawa — Students in Department of Defense Dependents Schools in the Pacific generally did not score as high as the national averages in the SAT tests for 2004.

According to test results released recently, the national average for the SATs, the most widely taken college entrance exams in the United States, was 518 for the math portion and 508 for the verbal portion of the test.

Students in DODDS-Pacific averaged 509 on the math portion and 499 in verbal skills.

Still, the math scores in the Pacific were higher than the 503 average for all Defense Dependents schools. Verbal scores in the Pacific lagged 7 points behind the score of 506 for DODDS worldwide.

School officials say the scores should be taken with a grain of salt and not be used to judge school quality.

"Assessments like the SAT are inappropriate measures for such purposes," stated a DODDS-Pacific release accompanying the

scores. Many factors contribute to the scores, including the percentage of students taking the test and their socioeconomic status, the release stated.

A breakdown of the test scores in the Pacific showed that of the 649 students who took the SATs:

■ The 40 students tested on Guam averaged 531 in verbal and 507 in math.

■ The 192 students in DODDS-Okinawa averaged 503 in verbal and 500 in math.

■ The 189 students in South Korea who took the test averaged 503 in verbal and 535 in math.

■ The 228 students tested in mainland Japan averaged 488 in verbal and 494 in math.

Last year's emphasis on math curriculum contributed to the rise in math scores, even though the overall SAT math score of 503 for DODDS is lower than the national average of 518, said Janet Rope, the administrator for accountability, accreditation, research and evaluation at Department of Defense Education Activity, or DODEA, headquartered in Arlington, Va.

A tweaking of the math curriculum could contribute to those relatively lower — and declining —

scores for verbal skills, she suggested.

"DODEA is in the process of implementing a more clearly defined math curriculum and providing support classes in math to ensure that the positive trend we are now seeing continues."

However, last year the system emphasized mathematics, offering more tutorial time for students needing help in the subject and making it easier for students to take the pre-test, Rope said.

"Students who are struggling in the area of math can take algebra and geometry lab classes, which supplement the regular algebra and geometry classes," she said. "This allows students to spend more time learning math and gives teachers the chance to teach the same math content in a variety of ways so that all students' learning needs are met."

She said DODEA also is having all 10th-graders take the PSAT, a test designed to prepare students for the SAT.

"This may have helped students approach the math portion of the SAT with a little more confidence and improved their ability to communicate what they knew about math," she said. "Begin-

ning with this school year, we will also be paying for all 11th-graders to take the PSAT."

The improvement in math scores is a "substantial change," she said. "It shows an ongoing trend of math improvement that can be traced over several years. In 2003, our students' math scores showed a one-point increase."

"Maintaining a steady upward trend over several years is more important than a jump in a single year," she said.

On the flip side, the students' average verbal test scores dropped by two points.

"The two-point drop we saw in the 2004 verbal score is a perfect example of why it is so important to look for trends over a three-year period," Rope said.

"The 2002 verbal score of 504 increased by five points in 2003 to 509," she said, meaning that even when this year's two-point decrease is factored in, it "still results in a net gain of two points when you look at the scores across the three-year period."

"Of course we are never completely satisfied with our scores, so we will continue working to meet the learning needs of all our students."

The SAT is designed to predict how successful high school students will be in college academic work.

Minority DODDS students perform better than their stateside public school peers. Some reasons, DODDS officials suggested, include DODDS's relatively small schools and classrooms, which means students don't have to compete and struggle as much for teacher attention, supportive and involved parents and communities; a least one parent with guaranteed employment; and consistent health care.

Both the SAT and ACT tests are available in Department of Defense schools but most schools prefer one of the tests over the other. Rope suggested students consult guidance counselors about the best test for them to take, given the colleges they hope to attend.

According to The College Board, 80 percent of colleges that do not have an open admission policy accept SAT results as part of their admission requirements.

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## Clinic delivers for Sasebo base's military babies

BY GREG TYLER  
Stars and Stripes

SASEBO NAVAL BASE, Japan — Each week, the base's Fleet and Family Support Center supplies birth announcements to the base newspaper. In almost every issue, in the majority of the announcements, the same phrase appears: "Born in Dr. Hiroshige Hishigahima Ladies Clinic..." In the Sept. 24 edition, for instance, of the eight births announced, six occurred at the clinic.

Visiting Dr. Hiroshi Hishigahima's five-story building — his "hospital" — is like walking into a storybook environment. The baby delivery. Baby-related décor is everywhere; pastel blue and pink dominate the color scheme as soothing music plays.

The 47-year-old Japanese physician said the clinic has served expectant mothers from the base for about eight years. He averages 40 natural or Caesarean births per month "and about eight are connected with the base," he said.

Pregnant women associated with the U.S. facility use Hishigahima's clinic for several reasons; most important, they say, it's because base medical capabilities do not include labor and delivery.

Sasebo's Navy Branch Medical Clinic provides to expectant mothers a list of more than 200 reputable local obstetricians from which to choose, clinic officials said. Looking at the birth listings, it seems most choose Hishigahima.

Mothers also cite Hishigahima's ability to speak fluent English and word of mouth about the quality of care his facility provides.

New mothers stay in rooms that are neatly and comfortably decorated, free from a stereotypical clinical environment. And "the new fathers are allowed to stay at my hospital," the soft-spoken obstetric gynecologist told Stars and Stripes.

Rebekah Clark, wife of Petty Officer 3rd Class Kevin Clark Jr. and mother of newborn Kevin Clark III, seemed relaxed in her room late last month as



GREG TYLER/Stars and Stripes

**Dr. Hiroshi Hishigahima of the Hishigahima Ladies Clinic in Sasebo, holds newborn Kevin Clark III late last month while checking on the baby's mother, Rebekah, wife of Petty Officer 3rd Class Kevin Clark Jr. of the USS Fort McHenry. Sasebo Naval Base does not have a labor and delivery medical facility.**

Hishigahima checked in with mother and baby Kevin. He held little Kevin during the short visit.

"It's just great here. He's so good communicating with new mothers and the clinic is just wonderful," Clark said. "They treat you like royalty here."

"If I get pregnant when I go back the United States I can tell you I'll be wishing I was back here again when that time comes."

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## AFN working to fix on-air interruptions

Stars and Stripes

American Forces Network TV viewers have seen on-air problems in the past few weeks, but AFN has solutions, a spokesman said Tuesday.

Since the launch of AFN Family and AFN

Movie on Sept. 3, AFN viewers have seen programs cut off by another show without warning, as well as discrepancies between advertised schedules and what was being shown.

"We had some problems with our automation processes," said Larry Sichter, the chief of affiliate relations for the Defense Media Center, the programming source for military radio and television outlets overseas.

"There's just bugs we have to work out, [but] we're on top of it. We have solutions."

Soldiers in Darmstadt, Germany, said they've noticed the problems.

A.J. Garza, with Company C, 32nd Signal Battalion in Darmstadt, said all AFN disturbances are annoying.

"It bothers me when I'm watching something I like on AFN, especially when I'm watching a movie, and there is some sort of disruption."

But Sgt. Mike Stephens, of the same unit, said it isn't that bad.

"I just assume they're doing some sort of upgrade to the system. I don't get mad," Stephens said. "I know they have so many other programs going on. It doesn't bother me."

"I like that new movie channel," he said. "They play some pretty good stuff."

Sichter could not give a date as to when fixes would be made.

"There's no 'definitely' in the computer world," he said, referring to the system's server-based technology.

Engineers are finding the system is having unexpected problems.

Sichter said engineers did test the system with its additional workload, and it was "running fine."

AFN also installed new equipment recently to split its services between the two major regions of the world.

All the AFN services are fed in real time to Asia. For the Atlantic region, however, AFN feeds a seven-hour delayed version of AFN Family, AFN Movie and AFN Spectrum in addition to the other five TV services.

Problems last month affected these regional feeds as well.

*"There's just bugs we have to work out, [but] we're on top of it. We have solutions."*

**Larry Sichter**  
Chief of affiliate relations for the Defense Media Center



# 'Don't ask, don't tell' in the combat zone

## Survey asks 30 homosexuals about rule's impact on their service

BY DIANE SCARPONI  
The Associated Press

NEW HAVEN, Conn. — Brian Hughes served four years with an Army Ranger unit, including assignments in Afghanistan and Iraq, while keeping his homosexuality — a potentially career-ending sexual orientation — secret.

Hughes, 26, left the Army last month in part because of his frustration with the military's "don't ask, don't tell" policy, which allows homosexuals to serve so long as they do not disclose their sexual orientation and do not engage in homosexual acts.

Now enrolled at Yale University, Hughes said the policy forced him to lie to other members of his unit, who frequently bragged about their sexual exploits. Hughes said he found himself substituting "she" for "he" in stories so he could join in conversations.

"It hurt. I was lying to those people," he said. "I eventually withdrew and became

quite anti-social because I didn't want to deal with it anymore."

Hughes is one of 30 homosexual servicemembers profiled in an unscientific survey released earlier this month about the impact of "don't ask, don't tell" on gay soldiers serving in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Hughes and study author Nathaniel Frank traveled this week to Washington, D.C., to meet with congressional staffers to encourage an end to the 11-year-old policy.

The survey, conducted through the Center for the Study of Sexual Minorities in the Military at the University of California in Santa Barbara, does not question heterosexual servicemembers about serving alongside gay and lesbian soldiers. It does, however, provide a snapshot of what's like to be gay and serving in a combat zone.

Some servicemembers who were part of the survey said in interviews that they came out to their colleagues about their sexual orientation despite the policy. Some were discharged when their homosexuality became known; others continued to serve.

Derek Sparks, who now works in information technology in Seattle, was discharged in 2002 after the Navy learned he was gay.

Some gay friends on his ship were investigated, and he acknowledged his homosexuality to his commanding officer during the probe.

"All the policy meant to me at the time was that I still had to hide," said Sparks, who enlisted in 1987. "I think they should get rid of it. I think it's ineffective. All it does is put more stress on people."

Sparks and many of the servicemembers interviewed in the survey said most of their younger colleagues accepted their homosexuality, but older military leaders did not.

Wendy Biehl, 28, who served eight years in the Army in Kuwait, Kosovo, Bosnia and Germany, came out to a few friends she trusted, but kept her homosexuality a secret from commanders.

Some colleagues suspected she was a lesbian, and they tried to find out for sure by skirting the "don't ask" policy. They would

ask whether she ever went to a local lesbian bar or would drive around to see if her truck was parked near the bar.

"Some gay friends would claim they were my boyfriend. That kind of helped out a little bit. It helped keep certain people off my back," Biehl said.

Biehl now sells metal detectors in Florida. She said the "don't ask, don't tell" policy was a big reason why she chose not to re-enlist.

The Department of Defense has heard of no such criticisms and believes the "don't ask, don't tell" policy works as intended, said Army Lt. Col. Joe Richard, a spokesman.

The survey, he said, is based on anecdotal information from individuals and does not look at the effect on the military as a whole, which has determined that homosexuality is not compatible with good order and discipline.

"It is a policy that is generally in the best interests of the military's service. You have to go beyond the individual," he said.

## Preparing for the masses



JIM SCHULZ/Stars and Stripes

Bayani Ferrer, Commander Fleet Activities Yokosuka volunteer, helps the Eastwood Trading Company from Hong Kong get ready for the Fall Bazaar at the Fleet Recreation Center at Yokosuka Naval Base. The event is expected to draw thousands of shoppers to the base Saturday and Sunday.

## Case lot sale on Guam

The Defense Commerce Agency and Army and Air Force Exchange Service on Guam plan a case lot sale on Saipan for reservists and their families Friday through Sunday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The sale will be held at the 100th Battalion, 442nd Infantry/Company Echo's base exchange, officials said.

"It's just to offer them a variety of products that normally aren't available at the small BX there," said Gilbert Mata, AAEPF general manager at Andersen Air Force Base, Guam.

"They gave us a wish list," Mata said, one that includes generators, furniture, mattresses and meat products.

Call DSN 366-3103 for more information.

## Depot opening on Guam

A Defense Logistics Agency distribution depot will open on Guam after a 9 a.m. ceremony Friday at Polaris Point Officer's Club on U.S. Naval Base Guam.

Defense Distribution Depot Guam, Marianas, will allow stockpiling supplies closer to troops in Guam, according to a Defense Logistics Agency news release. The agency supplies consumable items for combat

readiness, emergency preparedness and daily operations for military and several civilian agencies, the release stated.

The depot, on Guam Naval Base, will serve Navy land-based commands in Guam, Navy ships permanently based in Guam, Air Force customers at Andersen Air Force Base and other Defense Department organizations on Guam.

The Guam depot is one of 25 Defense Logistics Agency distribution sites around the world.

Navy Cmdr. William C. Nash will assume command of the Guam depot during Friday's ceremony.

## Warrant officers

The U.S. Army is looking for soldiers, Marines, sailors and airmen to fill its warrant officer ranks.

Positions are open in all specialties. Applicants with less than 12 years' active federal service are encouraged to apply. For more information, visit [www.asarec.army.mil/warrant](http://www.asarec.army.mil/warrant).

## Volunteers needed

MISAWA AIR BASE, Japan — The Misawa Officers' Spouses Club is seeking volunteers to help with the semi-annual Fall East Bazaar on Nov. 6 and Nov. 7 in Hangar 949.

More than 200 volunteers are needed to assist vendors, serve as cashiers and work in the business office. The job comes with perks: Volunteers can shop before the doors open to rest of the base community on Nov. 6 and are eligible to win a door prize for every shift they work. Items for sale include rugs, furniture, clothing, artwork, and more. Proceeds are donated back to the community, organizers say.

Vendor volunteers should call Micki Ferguson at DSN 222-6329; business office volunteers should call Judy Marberry at DSN 222-5605 or e-mail her at [janeetbazaar@yahoo.com](mailto:janeetbazaar@yahoo.com).

## Joint exercise on Guam

The U.S. Navy on Guam will host a bilateral urban terrain field training exercise on Guam through Oct. 25.

U.S. Marines and members of the Japan Ground Self-Defense Force will participate in the Military Operations on Urban Terrain Exercise, which was to start Tuesday.

The exercise is designed to enhance military operations, communications and relations between the United States and Japan, officials said. The training will be held on Andersen South training area and Naval Computer and Telecommunications Station.

From staff reports

# Babies: Higashijima greets newborns at clinic near Sasebo

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Higashijima's clinic, about a block off Route 35, is about 10 minutes from the base. The first floor is a reception and lobby area; the second houses patients' records and examination rooms.

The delivery room is on the third floor, as is the nursery and several patients' rooms. The fourth floor includes 10 more patients' rooms and a cafeteria. Higashijima lives on the fifth floor.

His father, Dr. Yoshichika Higashijima, often works at the clinic, even though he is 81 and has had two heart attacks. But the labor and delivery duties go to the son.

Higashijima said he realizes the seriousness and importance of his work: ushering new life into the world.

"I find my moments of relief from stress by spending as much time as possible outdoors among nature — particularly waterfalls," he said. "I'm also one who enjoys fishing and playing golf."

Lt. Randy Yano, a Navy lawyer in Sasebo, and his wife, Gina, have two sons. Both Nicholas, 2½, and 2-month-old Sergio were born at Dr. Higashijima Ladies Clinic.

"I was amazed that when we presented him with our own specific birthing plans ... how we wanted things to be during delivery ... he helped in every way to make the experience exactly as we wanted," Yano said.

"And I was there and even stayed both times," the lieutenant said. "He makes you feel incredibly wel-

come, even though you are in a foreign country and maybe concerned a little about communicating your wishes."

And the clinic certainly provides more-than-adequate pampering, Yano noted.

"One of the nicest things are the meals, where you can get the Western or the Japanese version. He makes sure that the night before you leave, you have lobster for dinner," the lieutenant said.

"And a nice part of that, of course, is that right after childbirth, women don't tend to eat much," he said. "So, there's this opportunity there involving lobster that's pretty nice for the fathers."

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# 4 U.S. troops wounded by Baghdad blast

## British hostage pleads for his life on new tape aired on Al-Jazeera

BY ALEXANDRA ZAVIS

The Associated Press

**BAGHDAD** — Four U.S. soldiers on a patrol were wounded Wednesday by an improvised explosive device set by insurgents northwest of the Iraqi capital, the U.S. command said.

The wounded were evacuated for medical treatment and reported in stable condition, a statement said.

The attack occurred near Riyadh, where the 1st Infantry Division operates. The statement provided no other details of the attack.

A British hostage pleaded for his government to save his life in a new video aired Wednesday on Arab television after the release of two Italian women and 10 other hostages. In Baghdad, U.S. and Iraqi forces raided suspected insurgent hideouts.

Meanwhile, violence continued unabated. Thirteen people were killed since Tuesday night in attacks by shootings, ambushes and grenade attacks south of the capital and elsewhere.

The freeing of the two Italian aid workers, Simona Torretta and Simona Pari, raised hopes that other hostages might be released — and it raised questions over how to deal with kidnappers after an Italian lawmaker said Wednesday he believed the Italian government paid a ransom, possibly of \$1 million. The government denied any ransom was paid.

Hiking up the pressure for Britain to make concessions, a video aired on Al-Jazeera television showed British hostage Kenneth Bigley pleading to Prime Minister Tony Blair to work for his release — the second such video apparently released by his captors.

Tawhid and Jihad, a militant group led by Abu Musab al-Zarqawi, has claimed to have behind the two American hostages who were kidnapped along with Bigley and has threatened to kill the

British as well unless Iraqi women prisoners are released.

A day after her and Pari's release, Italian aid worker Torretta told reporters outside her home in Rome that her captors assured them they were not in danger.

The two women, both 29, work for the aid group "Un Ponte per..." ("A Bridge To..."), which carries out water projects and helps Iraqi children. They were kidnapped Sept. 7 in a raid on their agency's Baghdad office.

Four Egyptian telecommunications workers abducted last week were also freed Monday and Tuesday, their parent company, Orascom, announced in Cairo. Two other Egyptians remain captive.

Meanwhile, efforts were also under way to try to secure the release of two French journalists held hostage since late August.

The journalists Christian Chesnot and Georges Malbrunot, disappeared Aug. 20, along with their Syrian driver, and their captors — the Islamic Army in Iraq — later demanded France revoke a ban on the wearing of Islamic headscarves in public schools.

In Wednesday's raids in the central Baghdad area of Haifa Street, Iraqi security forces backed by U.S. troops arrested a suspected terrorist, Q 151 National Guard commander said.

Kadhim al-Dafan is believed to be a key neighborhood leader, responsible for car bombs and other attacks in the area, said Col. Mohammed Abdullah. Five other suspected insurgents were also taken into custody as U.S. and Iraqi forces clashed with rebels on the street.

There was also a spate of attacks Tuesday night at the southern approaches to Baghdad. Gunmen opened fire on two vehicles carrying policemen near Latifiyah, about 15 miles south of the capital, killing seven people inside the cars, said Sadi Hanaa, a doctor at Iskandariya General Hospital.



**Iraqi National Guard soldiers aim their guns as they participate in a raid Wednesday at Sheikh Maroof neighborhood on Haifa street in Baghdad. Six suspected terrorists, linked with recent car bomb attacks on Haifa street that killed scores of prospective and serving Iraqi policemen, were arrested, and a large cache of arms and explosives was discovered.**

## U.S. deaths in Iraq

The Associated Press

death each.

As of Tuesday, 1,051 members of the U.S. military have died since the beginning of the Iraq war in March 2003, according to the Defense Department.

Of those, 798 died as a result of hostile action and 253 died of nonhostile causes. The figures include three military civilians.

The British military has reported 67 deaths; Italy, 19; Poland, 13; Spain, 11; Bulgaria, six; Ukraine, eight; Slovakia, three; Thailand, two; the Netherlands, two; and Denmark, El Salvador, Estonia, Hungary and Latvia have reported one

death each. Since May 1, 2003, when President Bush declared that major combat operations in Iraq had ended, 913 U.S. military members have died — 689 as a result of hostile action and 224 of nonhostile causes, according to the military's numbers as of Tuesday.

Since the start of U.S. military operations in Iraq, 7,532 U.S. service members have been wounded in hostile action, according to the Defense Department's weekly tally.

The latest deaths reported by the military:

■ None reported.

The latest identifications reported by the Department of Defense:

■ Army Capt. Eric L. Alton, 34, Houston; died Sunday when he was struck by a mortar round in Ramadi, Iraq; assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 17th Field Artillery Regiment, 2nd Infantry Division, Camp Hovey, Korea.

■ Army Sgt. 1st Class Joseolito O. Villanueva, 36, Los Angeles; died Monday when he was shot by a sniper in Balad, Iraq; assigned to 9th Engineer Battalion, 1st Infantry Division, Schweinfurt, Germany.

## Lindh looking to get sentence reduced

The Associated Press

**SAN FRANCISCO** — The attorney for American-born Taliban soldier John Walker Lindh says his client's 20-year prison sentence commuted, citing the nation's heightened anxiety when the plea deal was made in 2002 and the fact that another U.S. citizen captured on an Afghanistan battlefield may soon be released.

James Brosnahan, Lindh's lawyer, made the request Monday and argued that Lindh was fighting against the Taliban in a civil war against the Northern Alliance, that he is not a terrorist and that he never fought against U.S. troops.

Brosnahan said he negotiated the 20-year sentence during a time when a "high state of fear" was affecting U.S. juries and he thought it was the best deal he could get at the time. Lindh could have received life in prison if convicted.

Brosnahan also said the sentence should be reduced because Yasser Esam Hamdi, another American citizen captured in Afghanistan on suspicion of aiding the Taliban, is being released after being held for three years as an enemy combatant.

Hamdi will not be charged with any crime under an

agreement with federal officials made public Monday.

Hamdi will be required to give up his U.S. citizenship and will be sent to Saudi Arabia, where he grew up.

"Comparable conduct should be treated in comparable ways in terms of sentencing," Brosnahan said at a news conference. Only President Bush can commute Lindh's sentence.

Justice Department spokesman Mark Corallo, while not commenting directly on the merits of Lindh's request, pointed out that Lindh "pleaded guilty to supporting the Taliban with his lawyers standing beside him."

Lindh's request does not specify how much of a reduction he is seeking.

Lindh, a 23-year-old Northern California native, pleaded guilty in civilian court to supplying services to the now-defunct Taliban government and carrying explosives for them. He and Hamdi were both captured in late 2001.

Frank Zimring, an expert on clemency at the University of California at Berkeley, said it is unlikely Bush will reduce Lindh's term, especially during a presidential election focused on the war on terror.



## Yokota Baptist Church

Pastor Warren Webster

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Fussa Gate

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# 2 sentenced to die for USS Cole attack

BY AHMED AL-HAJI  
The Associated Press

SAN'A, Yemen — A Yemeni judge sentenced two men to death and four others to prison terms ranging from five to 10 years Wednesday, the first convictions and sentences for the 2000 suicide bombing of the USS Cole, an attack blamed on Osama bin Laden's terror network.

Saudi-born Abd al-Rahim al-Nashiri, who is in U.S. custody at an undisclosed location, and Jamal al-Badawi, a 35-year-old Yemeni, were sentenced to death for plotting, preparing and involvement in the bombing, which killed 17 U.S. sailors as their Virginia-based destroyer refueled in the southern Yemeni port of Aden.

Al-Nashiri, believed to be the mastermind of the Oct. 12, 2000, bombing, was tried in absentia, and it was not clear how the ruling would affect his detention. Four American officials who attended the sentencing refused to comment on the trial, as did U.S. Embassy officials in Yemen.

The other five defendants — all Yemenis — were present in the heavily guarded court to hear the sentences. In reading the verdict, Judge Najib al-Qaderi pointed to the prosecution's statement that Badawi and al-Nashiri bought the



PHOTO BY THE YEMEN TIMES/AP

**Jamal al-Badawi, above, was sentenced Wednesday to death for participating in the Oct. 12, 2000, attack against the USS Cole in Yemen. Abd al-Rahim al-Nashiri, who is in U.S. custody, also was sentenced to death.**

speedboat that the bombers used to ram the Cole.

"This verdict is an American one and unjust," al-Badawi yelled from behind the bars of a courtroom cell after the judge sentenced him to death. "There are

no human rights in the world, except for the Americans. All the Muslims in the world are being used to serve American interests."

The United States announced al-Nashiri's arrest in 2002. He was detained in the United Arab Emirates and transferred to American custody. U.S. officials believe he is a close associate of Saudi-born bin Laden, who is believed to have masterminded the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks.

In addition to the Cole attack, al-Nashiri is suspected of helping direct the 1998 bombings of U.S. embassies in Kenya and Tanzania.

Death sentences are routinely handed down by Yemeni courts. Execution is carried out by a firing squad.

Mohammed al-Badawi, brother of the Yemeni condemned to death, denounced the decision and told The Associated Press that his brother and the four other Yemenis sentenced Wednesday would appeal their sentences.

Al-Badawi's father, also called Mohammed, urged Yemen's President Ali Abdullah Saleh to overturn the judge's decision, which he claimed was made "under heavy American pressure."

"It is a ready-made verdict and we will appeal," the father said.

The six men were all charged with belonging to al-Qaida and playing various roles in the attack on the Cole, which was carried out by suicide bombers Ibrahim al-Thawri and Hassan al-Khamri, who went by the alias of Abdullah al-Misawi. The two Yemenis rammed an explosives-laden boat into the destroyer.

"The evidence obtained by the court affirms the collaboration of the defendants in the case ... which harmed the country, its reputation and threatened its social stability and security," al-Qaderi told the court before issuing his sentences.

Al-Qaderi sentenced Fahd al-Qasbi to 10 years in jail for filming the bombing.

Maamoun Masouh received an eight-year prison term for delivering money used in preparing and executing the attack and playing a close role in assisting al-Badawi.

Ali Mohamed Saleh and Murad al-Sirouri were both sentenced to five years in prison for forging identification documents for al-Khamri.

The Cole underwent \$250 million worth of repairs at a shipyard in Pascagoula, Miss. The Cole completed its first overseas deployment since the bombing, returning to Norfolk Naval Base in May after six months in the Mediterranean Sea.

## Haitian gang activity hurts hurricane relief efforts

BY PAISLEY DODDS  
The Associated Press

GONAIVES, Haiti — Victims who survived Jeanne but lost relatives, homes and belongings now are tormented by street gangs who attack food convoys and distribution points, raid homes at night and shoot those who get in their way.

The failure of Haiti's U.S.-backed government to disarm the gangs that helped oust President Jean-Bertrand Aristide has created a climate of insecurity that further jeopardizes lives in the calamity Jeanne visited on Gonaives when it was still a tropical storm.

While planeloads of relief aid have arrived from around the world, getting it to the people who need it has become a challenge.

The entrance to the city has been a flashpoint for looters — a government convoy was held up Saturday by men armed with guns and machetes — but was being secured Tuesday by Uruguayan troops in the U.N. peacekeeping force.



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## IN THE STATES

## Private rocket blasts off on quest for \$11M

BY JOHN ANTCAK  
The Associated Press

MOJAVE, Calif. — Ignoring a warning to abort the flight, a test pilot took a stubby-looking rocket plane on a corkscrewing, white-knuckle ride past the edge of the atmosphere Wednesday, completing the first stage of a quest to win a \$10 million prize.

As spectators and controllers nervously watched from the ground, SpaceShipOne rolled dozens of times as it hurtled toward space at nearly three times the speed of sound. It reached an altitude of 64 miles over the Mojave Desert.

Spaceship designer Burt Rutan said he asked pilot Michael Melvill to shut down the engine, but Melvill kept going until he

reached the altitude specified under the rules for the Ansari X Prize, a bounty offered to the first privately built, manned rocket ship to fly in space twice in a span of two weeks.

During its 81-minute flight, the ship climbed to an unofficial altitude of more than 330,000 feet — about 2,000 feet above its target altitude of 62 miles.

"Now that was fun," Melvill said after the ship completed its gliding descent and landed safely at Mojave Airport. "I thought I really nailed it."

But the craft made more than two dozen unexpected rolls during its ascent, corkscrewing upward.

"We actually were asking him to go ahead and abort, to shut it



SpaceShipOne, attached to White Knight, taxis out as the Mojave Aerospace Ventures Team attempts in Mojave, Calif., on Wednesday.

off to where he wouldn't have gone [the 62 miles]," Rutan said. "He stayed in there just for a handful of seconds more."

SpaceShipOne is trying for the

\$10 million X Prize, offered to whoever makes two flights 62 miles high, an altitude generally accepted as being in space, in two weeks or less.

Melvill also was the pilot in June, when the ship made its first trip into space ever by a private spacecraft. To win the X Prize, the plane still needs to make a second successful flight within the two-week time frame.

Before Wednesday's takeoff, SpaceShipOne's creators had ambitiously set the second flight for next Monday — well before the 14-day deadline. Rutan said the roll problem would be studied and a determination made about delaying the second flight.

Melvill said he may have caused the rolling himself.

"You're extremely busy that point," he said. "Your feet and your hands and your eyes and everything is working about as fast as you can work them, and probably I stepped on something too quickly and caused the roll."

## Stewart to serve time at prison in West Virginia

BY ERIN McCLAM  
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Celebrity home-mester Martha Stewart has been ordered to serve her sentence for lying about a stock sale at a federal prison in West Virginia known

as "Camp Cupcake."

Stewart had asked to serve her five-month sentence in Danbury, Conn., closer to her 90-year-old mother and her home in Westport, or as a second choice in Coleman, Fla. But the federal Bureau of Pris-

ons instead chose Alderson, W.Va., a minimum-security women's prison that houses about 1,000 inmates.

Stewart issued a statement Wednesday confirming the prison selection. She repeated that she

had hoped to be designated to a "facility closer to my family and more accessible to my appellate attorneys." But she said she was pleased she was assigned so quickly to Alderson, and noted it was the first federal prison camp for women in the United States.

"I look forward to getting to this behind me and to vigorously pursuing my appeal," she said.

A federal judge has ordered Stewart to report to prison by Oct. 8.

The Alderson camp was chosen largely because of its remote location, the source told AP. There was concern that the Connecticut and Florida prisons were too accessible to the media, the source said.

Those prisons also had more serious overcrowding issues, the source said. The Coleman prison, for example, is crowded with inmates moved from other Florida

prisons because of the recent hurricanes.

A spokeswoman for Stewart did not immediately return a call for comment, and Dan Dunne, a spokesman for the Bureau of Prisons, declined to comment on the decision.

Stewart, 63, and former stockbroker Peter Biscanovic were convicted in March of lying to federal investigators about why Stewart sold 3,928 shares of ImClone Systems Inc. stock in December 2001.

They received the same sentence — five months in prison, plus five months of house arrest.

Both were allowed to remain free while they appealed, but Stewart announced plans this month to begin serving her time anyway in order to "reclaim my good life."

Her appeal remains alive.

Like all other Alderson inmates, Stewart would be expected to work most of each day. The primary jobs there are grounds maintenance, sanitation and food services. She can earn between 12 cents and 40 cents an hour at these jobs, which begin shortly after a daily 6 a.m. wake-up call, Dunne said.

Curt Anderson of The Associated Press contributed to this report in Washington.

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## Erased Scalia speech

The Associated Press and the Hattiesburg (Miss.) American agreed Tuesday to end their litigation against the U.S. Marshals Service over the erasing of recordings of a speech by Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia.

The government had conceded in a filing on Sept. 10 that the Marshals Service violated federal law when a deputy marshal ordered reporters to erase their recordings of Scalia's April speech at a Hattiesburg high school.

The Justice Department also said the reporters and their employers are each entitled to \$1,000 in damages and reasonable attorneys' fees, as sought by the media organizations.

## Fast-food prank calls

A man suspected of making hoax phone calls to fast-food restaurants and encouraging management to strip search employees was released from jail while authorities determine if they detained the right person.

David R. Stewart, 37, of Fountain, Fla., was being monitored by a tracking device after Circuit Judge Michael Overstreet let him out of jail Tuesday. A court hearing was set for next week to determine whether to continue with the case against him.

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# Florida residents united as hurricane recovery goes on

BY DEBORAH HASTINGS  
The Associated Press

STUART, Fla. — One person's generator is the neighborhood's generator.

Teenagers volunteer to clear debris from the lawns of neighbors. A funeral home provides cremation services, at no cost, to a woman who lost her husband and home during Hurricane Jeanne.

All along this state's devastated Treasure Coast, where two hurricanes in three weeks have blasted ashore in nearly the same place, folks have learned to rely on family, friends and the kindness of strangers.

"This is our home away from home," said Phyllis Cole, 67, sitting in a lawn chair in a blessed strip of man-made shade at the Home Depot on Highway 1 in Stuart.

Despite its own damage, the store erected an awning to shield

customers waiting in 93-degree heat and then rolled out trolleys brimming with free ice and soda and water. "The people are just wonderful," Cole said.

In Stuart, volunteers distributed ice, water and Meals, Ready to Eat, from roadside stands and National Guard centers up and down U.S. 1. Teenagers went door-to-door helping to clear tree limbs, palm fronds and just plain junk that Jeanne deposited in random piles. Extension cords ran over fences to tap into neighbors' generators.

And in homes with gas-powered stoves and water heaters — not useless electric ones — family members and friends stood in long lines, each clutching a towel, to get a hot shower. And, if they were lucky, some hot food.

A radio station put out the word that Gail Roth in Port St. Lucie had lost her husband during Hurricane Jeanne in an unrelated incident.

dent. She also lost much of her house to the storm.

Marketing manager Mark Bass took a call from a weeping listener who related the woman's story and asked if the station could help. It broadcast an appeal.

And the calls poured in. "People called wanting to give cash, people wanted to donate urns, funeral plots. Two funeral homes called wanting to help," Bass said.

Ultimately, it was All County Funeral Home that sent a refrigerated truck from Palm Beach County to pick up the husband's body and bring it back for cremation. The funeral home's Stuart facility was heavily damaged during Jeanne and is closed.

Because of that damage, funeral directors were meeting families in parking lots and shopping centers to arrange cremation or burial.

"We were happy to help," said Vince Sharkey, president of the family-run business. "We go wherever we have to."

# Lava dome growing at Mount St. Helens

The Associated Press

MOUNT ST. HELENS, Wash. — The lava dome in the crater of Mount St. Helens apparently is growing and moving slightly northward, a top volcano scientist said Wednesday.

The pressure could come either from a buildup of gases within the 8,364-foot mountain, which erupted with devastating force 24 years ago, or from molten rock moving into the dome, Wynn said.

Seth Moran, a seismologist at the observatory, estimated the initial movement at four centimeters, about an inch and a half.

Jeff Wynn, chief scientist at the U.S. Geological Survey's Cascade Volcano Observatory in Vancouver, Wash., said movement "sort of suggests that we're getting closer" to an eruption that could hurl rocks and ash a few thousand feet into the air.

He emphasized that the esti-



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mates were highly preliminary and inexact because there is only one measuring device on the dome, estimating scientists will need about 48 hours to interpret the data more clearly.

Scientists were keeping a close eye on the 925-foot-tall dome of hardened lava that has grown inside the crater since the May 18, 1980, eruption that blew the top off the mountain.



Liza Fierro, holding her son, Diego, inspects her bedroom where a dresser was knocked over and some pictures fell off the wall as a result of the 6.0-magnitude earthquake Tuesday, near Parkfield, Calif.

## Data from Calif. quake could help researchers

BY MATTHEW FORDAHL  
The Associated Press

PARKFIELD, Calif. — A strong earthquake that shook central California without causing any significant damage or injuries could be a boon to researchers who hope intense scrutiny of the state's earthquake capital may help predict future temblors.

The magnitude 6.0 earthquake struck at 10:15 a.m. Tuesday, about halfway between San Francisco and Los Angeles, seven miles southeast of Parkfield and 21 miles northeast of Paso Robles, according to the U.S. Geological Survey. A major quake in the same area killed two people last year.

The area of the San Andreas fault where the quake struck is a hot spot that has produced similar temblors every two or three decades and is among the most-monitored quake sites in the world.

"It's going to be a lot of data that

we can look at," said Andy Snyder of the U.S. Geological Survey. "It ensures a good payoff for all the work that's been done by the USGS, all the university groups and foreign research institutes that have set up experiments here."

Dozens of sensors — seismometers, strainmeters, creepmeters — dot the remote, sparsely populated region. Drilling is underway there to go 1.4 miles down into the bowels of the 800-mile-long fault that forms the boundary between immense geological plates that grind and produce ground movement.

"This will probably be the most well-recorded earthquake in history," said Mike Blumfeld, associate coordinator with the U.S. Geological Survey's earthquake hazards program in Reston, Va.

More than 160 aftershocks followed in quick succession, one with a preliminary 5.0 magnitude and four others at 4.1 or above.

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## FACES

## Comedian "out-Regis" Regis

You'd think Regis Philbin is the "Best Regis" — but not according to the Relly Awards.

Instead, comedian Darrell Hammond's impersonation of Philbin was awarded Best Regis in the second annual Rellys, created by the "Live With Regis and Kelly" show, with co-host Kelly Ripa, to offset its lack of success in the Daytime Emmys.

The winners are decided by viewer votes, but the Rellys are otherwise a fun, mock-award show with statues of a Golden Stool — a trophy-size version of the seating that accommodates "Live" co-hosts and guests — that go to mostly self-affirming categories such as Funniest Guest.



Philbin

Philbin had difficulty believing someone could be better at being, well, him. In fake anger, he trashed the set of the syndicated talk show when Hammond's name was announced Friday.

Other nominees for Best Regis included impersonations by Dana Carvey, Tom Hanks and Kevin Pollack.

## Date with an idol nets \$10,099

The winner of an eBay auction for lunch with "American Idol" runner-up Diana DeGarmo said he bid \$10,099 for the prize hoping the singer could lend some star power to his nonprofit organization.

Greg Halpern, 46, of Illinois, placed the highest of 55 bids for the auction, which ended Friday night and benefits the Partnership Against Child Abuse.

Halpern said he wanted to bring attention to his group, People for Ultimate Kindness Toward All Living Creatures on Earth, which helps people and agencies find grant money so they can solve problems such as obesity and abuse.

Halpern said he'd like to speak with DeGarmo to gauge her interest in getting involved in his organization, although he would probably give the lunch to someone more deserving. "Maybe what I'll do, I'll keep that lunch intact, schedule a date and go find an abused child that loves singing and would appreciate that lunch. That could be a lifetime opportunity," Halpern said.

Under the auction rules, up to four people can attend the lunch.

## Famous guitarists pay tribute to Strat

Famous guitarists such as Ron Wood of the Rolling Stones, Brian May of Queen and the Eagles' Joe Walsh played at London's Wembley Arena in a concert celebrating the 50th anniversary of the Fender Stratocaster.

When he took the stage at the outdoor concert Friday night, David Gilmour of Pink Floyd brought some of the packed crowd to its feet by playing the first-ever Fender-made 001 model of the guitar.

The concert, which raised money for the Nordoff-Robbins Music Therapy charity, also featured guitarists Hank Marvin of the Shadows, Gary Moore of Roxxy Music and Genesis' Mike Rutherford.

They made up a collaboration of big Stratocaster-playing figures in the history of rock 'n' roll spanning five decades.

## Keillor to host award ceremony

NEW YORK — Garrison Keillor, the humorist and best-selling author, will host this year's National Book Awards ceremony.

"I am thrilled to be the emcee of the National Book Awards ceremony, a big night in the book world, when you get to see distinguished authors feign nonchalance though they're all giddy and sweaty and their hearts are pounding," Keillor said in a statement Monday released by the awards' sponsor, the National Book Foundation.

"Someday I hope to feign nonchalance myself, and meanwhile I'm thrilled to be the emcee."

The awards ceremony will take place Nov. 17 in New York.

Keillor's many books include "Lake Wobegon Days" and "The Old Man Who Loved Cheese." He also is host of the radio program "A Prairie Home Companion," which airs on public stations around the country.



Keillor

Stories and photos from The Associated Press

## Katie Holmes is coping

BY NANCY MILLS  
New York Daily News

HOLLYWOOD

The gossip-mongers had just reported that "Dawson's Creek" star Katie Holmes had told her fiancé, actor Chris Klein, "I need more space," and thus they were splitting up. Turns out they were discussing buying a house.

"People talk about you, and what can you do?" Holmes, 25, shrugs. "It's like high school times one thousand."

The celebrity spotlight also shines on her character in "First Daughter," opening Friday. Playing President Michael Keaton's only child, she has to cope with Secret Servicemen guarding her college dorm room, reporters chasing her around campus and students more interested in her title than who she is.

"Being in the public eye can be isolating," Holmes says. "It's hard to make friends easily. That's why I'm always on the phone with my family, trying not to think about my image."

"Part of being the youngest [of four] is that I was born with the courage to stand out because everyone else had done it already," she says. "I had to find something different."

Holmes' image is squeaky clean, though she protests that it's not wholly accurate. She grew up in Toledo, Ohio, the daughter of a lawyer and a homemaker, snagged her first movie, "The Ice Storm," while still in high school, and then landed on "Dawson's Creek."

As Joey Potter, the lovelorn tomboy and best friend of James Van Der Beek's Dawson Leery, Holmes spent six years in Wilmington, N.C., where the show was shot. Their very teenage relationship formed the emotional hook of the popular series.

"It was very difficult for me to leave Wilmington, to have my little glass bubble burst and move on," she says. "I hate change. On the other hand, it was refreshing to play someone else."

That someone else is the president's daughter — poised and awkward, obedient and defiant, glib and wise.

"Kate is still accessible to young girls, but she's truly a woman," says her "First Daughter" director, Forest Whitaker.

"She's someone people care about and want to follow. She's not afraid to make fun of herself, and she has good comic timing."

The movie gives Holmes a chance to play an American princess, complete with beautiful dresses, ballroom dancing and happy endings.

But it's also a topical story, she says. "With all the attention on Chelsea Clinton and the Bush girls, it's a great background for the coming of age of a young girl," she says. "But this is much more of a girl's journey toward independence than 'First Daughter Goes to College.'" Holmes, who got engaged to Klein last Christmas, has already taken that journey.

"I didn't have the experience of going to college," she says.

"But for six years on 'Dawson's Creek,' I was in a high-pressure situation by myself, without having family around. That caused me to be less dependent on others."

Holmes soon decided to be the good girl.

"Fame came so quickly to the four of us [Dawson's Creek] colleagues Michelle Williams, Van Der Beek and Joshua Jackson," she says. "At first, we all resisted the idea of being role models, but young people watched us and looked up to us."

Holmes says there could be a "Dawson's Creek" reunion movie someday, but she would like to go to her high school's 10-year reunion first.

"I'm aware that some people may still be watching," she says, "but I just try to be a happy person. Fame doesn't

really change you. It brings out who you are."

Holmes plays a good girl again in the upcoming prequel "Batman Begins," opposite Christian Bale. "My character works in the District Attorney's office and was Bruce Wayne's good friend growing up," she says.

Holmes won't say whether she has a wedding date set. The longer the delay, she knows, the more room for speculation. But her other priority, having moved to Los Angeles, is staying grounded.

"Fame and adoration can be addicting," she says. "I like people to like me, so I have to really watch that. I call my mom a lot."

Actress Katie Holmes arrives for the InStyle magazine and Warner Bros. party after the 61st annual Golden Globe Awards on Jan. 25 in Beverly Hills, Calif.

AP













## OPINION

## More can be done to bolster Iraq elections

The Washington Post

Opponents of continued U.S. engagement in Iraq frequently describe what they say is the misguided illusion that "Jeffersonian democracy" can be established in that country. The pitch sounds hard-nosed and pragmatic — but Thomas Jefferson, we suspect, would not appreciate being used as a straw man.

There's no question that the Iraqi elections planned for January, and any government that follows from them, will fall well short of democratic ideals. Yet it's anything but realistic to portray democracy as a system that only works when it is pure. Not only was Jefferson's democracy not entirely democratic (just ask African-Americans and women), but the modern world is replete with examples of partially democratic countries — and, in most cases, their governments are better and their people freer than in the nondemocratic world.

Iraq may not become a "showcase" of democracy any time soon. But even flawed elections stand a chance of producing a government with more legitimacy and support than most others in the Arab Middle East. If successful, they are also a likelier route to stability in Iraq, and an eventual U.S. withdrawal, than the alternatives — partition, civil war or continued U.S. sponsorship of a non-elected regime. It follows that the Bush administration is right to press forward with plans for elections even under the

present difficult conditions. Almost any election would produce a more credible government than the current, U.N.-appointed administration — and delay would be a victory for extremists and an invitation to chaos.

Yet it is also possible to imagine elections so flawed that they would not have the hoped-for effect of sapping legitimacy from an insurgency that appears to be gaining ground. In that sense, there are at least three reasons for worry about the current preparations for a January vote. One is the inability, so far, of the United Nations to deploy the organizers needed to stage the balloting, and the related failure of the Bush administration to raise or deploy the protection force approved by the U.N. Security Council.

A second concern is the ambiguous statements of Bush administration and Iraqi officials about whether they are committed to holding elections in Sunni areas of Iraq — and to taking the military measures necessary to make voting possible. While elections held outside those areas could still allow participation by 80 percent or more of Iraqis, they would yield a government that excluded the very population from which most of the insurgency is now drawn. That would only encourage further resistance.

Third, the possible exclusion of Sunni voters has encouraged another questionable idea: the formation of a unified national election slate. This would ensure Sunni representation in the new National Assembly, but it might also turn the election into a one-sided



affair in which assembly seats were apportioned among half a dozen competing parties by backroom deals rather than voters' choices — and cause Shiite leaders who have supported the political process so far to turn against it. Although it can't necessarily control such political horse-trading, the

Bush administration shouldn't encourage it. Instead, it should aim to create the broadest possible choice for the largest number of voters. Even if the result is a less-friendly government, U.S. prospects in Iraq will improve in proportion to the degree of participation and fairness the elections achieve.

## When allies' interests do not overlap perfectly

BY J. PETER SCOBIC

Friends and colleagues of Donald Keyser, a 61-year-old former State Department official suspected of passing government documents to Taiwanese intelligence officials, expressed shock at his arrest this month. "The hardest thing to understand is that the word 'intelligence' means to mind when I think of Don Keyser," Chas Freeman, a longtime China hand, told The Washington Post. Said David Shamberg, director of the China policy program at George Washington University, "We're all just collectively stunned and asking each other what to make of this."

In a slightly different form, it's a fair question for the rest of us to be asking as well: What are we supposed to make of the fact that a friendly nation appears to be spying on the United States? The question seems particularly germane given that late last month Pentagon analyst Larry Franklin was reported to be under investigation for passing a draft of the president's policy on Iran to Israel via an influential pro-Israel lobbying organization in Washington. What was it these countries could just ask for? The answer, of course, is this: whatever they think they need that we won't give them. Spying, it turns out, is common among friends.

According to the National Counterintelligence Center, more than 90 countries have an intelligence presence in the United States, and we're on relatively good terms with all of the chief culprits — China, Japan, Israel, France, South Korea, Taiwan and India. They spy on the United States for the same reason our enemies do: National interests do not overlap perfectly. And, though many friendly spy cases involve industrial espionage, interests among allies can diverge on critical security issues as well. When that happens, intelligence work becomes a reflection of realism at its most amoral, where self-interest is paramount. "Friend" is a relative word and the only rule of the game is don't get caught. Taiwan and Israel are case studies in the process.

A 1979 law requires the United States to

provide Taiwan with the means to defend itself, and over the last two decades we have supplied the island with billions of dollars in materiel. In April 2001, President Bush said the United States would "do whatever it took" to defend Taiwan from China and backed up his pledge by authorizing the sale of four Kidd-class destroyers and eight diesel submarines to Taipei.

For all that, Taiwan doesn't particularly trust the U.S. The problem is that, while ostensibly committed to the island's defense, the United States is also clearly committed to improving relations with China.

When the United States steps too close to the mainland — as when Bush told Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao in December that he opposed Taiwanese moves toward formal independence — Taipei gets anxious. So Taiwan might very well spy on us to learn how far toward independence it could go without losing U.S. support and at what point it could expect help from Washington, should Beijing become an aggressor.

If Israel is spying on the United States to learn our policy, it too is most likely trying to resolve this kind of ambiguity.

Israel, whose greatest security concern is Iran's nuclear program, wants Washington to take a hard-line stance toward Tehran. Should internal debate within the administration tend toward dovish engagement, Israel might consider attacking Iran's nuclear facilities, as it did in 1981.

Israel, of course, was behind the most famous friendly spy episode in recent memory. In 1986, Jonathan Pollard, a Navy civilian analyst, pleaded guilty to passing classified documents to the Israelis. The affair embarrassed Israel — and Pollard is in his 18th year of a life sentence — but as Prime Minister Ariel Sharon, then Israel's minister of industry and trade, explained unapologetically at the time: "Israel does not receive from the U.S. all the information it needs."

The American attitude is equally dispassionate. A former U.S. senior intelligence official put it in this way: "If a policy-maker absolutely needs information that's essential to his job, and there's no other way you can get it, that's when a nation uses human intelligence" — regardless of the target. In the 1980s, the official said, we knew that German companies were provid-

ing rogue assets such as Libya with technology that could be used to manufacture weapons of mass destruction. The German government, however, not convinced of the evidence, would not share all its intelligence with the United States.

Did we act on our own to get it? Most definitely.

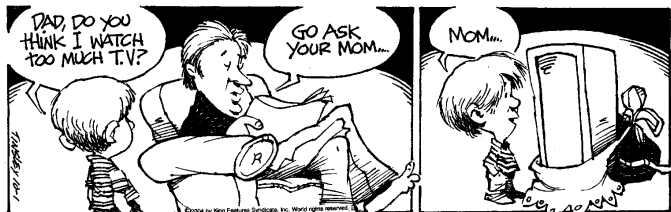
Though friendly spying is pervasive, the severity of the problem is less a function of frequency than of consequence. It matters less, for example, if France uncovers a trade secret than if al-Qaida learns our military plans in Afghanistan. But, in measuring the damage done, one can't write off the loss of secrets as unimportant simply because they were taken by a friend. Seymour Hersh of the New Yorker reported in 1999 that the Israelis passed much of the information they got from Pollard — possibly including U.S. nuclear war plans — to the Soviets.

It's an extreme case, but in espionage it's wise to remember that, although the enemy of my enemy may be my friend, the friend of my friend may also be my enemy.

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## Mallard Fillmore

BY BRUCE TINSLEY





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## Thanks to servicemembers

To U.S. servicemembers: All of America  
will always be in your debt. Because of  
your service and sacrifice of being in  
harm's way, we have not had an attack on  
the homeland since 9/11/01. I believe in all  
sincerity that if it were not for you taking  
the fight to them, these indoctrinated jihad  
insurgent combatants would be attacking us  
on the homeland. And instead of hun-  
dreds of fallen U.S. troops, we would have  
buried tens, if not hundreds, of thousands  
of U.S. civilians by now.

It is only because the insurgents are pre-  
occupied with keeping a democracy from  
being established in the heart of the jihad  
terrorist world that they don't have the re-  
sources to expend on attacking America. It  
is my opinion that as you guys keep tight-  
ening the noose and the enemy realizes that  
the objective of keeping Iraq from becom-  
ing a democracy is a lost cause, the remnants  
will shift their focus to attacking the  
homeland. Hopefully by the time you get  
done with them, they will not have much  
left to attack with.

The Cold War lasted from 1945 through  
1991, and I think this war against terror-  
ism is going to be as long. We won the Cold  
War with the American media hammering  
away at us and those who served knew  
in our hearts what the tragic result would  
have been had we stood down from the  
Soviets. As I stood watch over Minuteman  
III missile silos in the prairie land of

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Wymond, I prayed along with millions of  
others that this one shot that would not  
have to be taken. I thank God that the blast  
doors never opened and the missiles  
stayed in the ground.

I wish somehow the war on terror could  
be as clean, but it is not — so thousands  
will die so millions of us can live out of  
harm's way.

Out of dozens of movies Hollywood pro-

duced about the Vietnam soldier, it man-  
aged to get it right just once, in "We Were  
Soldiers." If you get a chance, watch it or  
read the book. The movie depicts the exact  
tactics I was trained to use in the '70s, and  
I thank God that I was never called on to  
use the training I received.

Stephen R. Jelinek  
Sheboygan, Wis.

## We want our NFL

Could someone please identify the pro-  
gramming director for sports on American  
Forces Network, and fire that person? For  
the last few weeks with the start of  
America's favorite sport, NFL football, sol-  
diers here in the desert have had to endure  
tennis, European golf (five-hour broad-  
cast), Davis Cup tennis preliminary  
rounds and drag racing instead of NFL  
games.

How un-American is that?

I know that we are limited to what we  
see on television here. I also know that  
AFN has the resources to broadcast major  
sports events. AFN can surely assume  
that the 130,000 troops here want to watch  
their football instead of that other stuff.  
Out of 32 games played the first two weeks  
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Stop the madness. Troop morale is on  
the line.

1st Sgt. Mark E. Landon  
Logistical Support Area Anacoda, Iraq

## When rights vanish, it's a 'Wild World'

## BY YUSUF ISLAM

I was flying to Nashville last week with  
my 21-year-old daughter to explore  
some new musical ideas with a record  
label there. Ironically, I was trying to  
remain low-profile because of the specula-  
tion that it might have raised in the music  
world about a report of "the Cat," Media  
artist was the last thing I wanted. But it  
seems God wanted otherwise.

Toward the end of our journey from Lon-  
don to Washington, the plane was diverted.  
After landing in New Orleans, three tall,  
blue-uniformed officers boarded and sur-  
rounded me and my daughter.

"Is your name Yusuf Islam?" they asked.  
"Yes," I confirmed.

"Do you mind coming with us and answer-  
ing a few questions?"

At that point my heart stopped, and my  
daughter's face turned aspin-white. This  
was the start of the nightmare.

Three FBI agents escorted me away from  
my daughter and asked me questions. At  
first, it sounded like they might have me  
mixed up with somebody else, as they re-  
peated the spelling of my name.

"No. Y-u-s-u-f," I carefully spelled out.  
The agents looked a bit puzzled.

As they continued asking questions, some  
of their queries were obviously not related  
to me, so I thought this must be a matter of

simple mistaken identity. Whether it was a  
mistake or not remained unclear because  
they weren't under any obligation to give  
me a reason; the green visa waiver form I  
had so neatly filled in earlier had effectively  
denied me any right to appeal or answers. It  
was only when an immigration official re-  
ferred to me a legal reference number that  
he mentioned some implication with "terror-  
ism" — no further details necessary.

The most upsetting thing was being sepa-  
rated from my daughter for 33 hours — not  
knowing how she was or when and where  
we might be united. Because my phone was  
confiscated, I couldn't contact my family.

Is this the same planet I'd taken off from?  
I was devastated. The unbelievable thing is  
that only two months earlier, I had been hav-  
ing meetings in Washington with top offi-  
cials from the White House Office of  
Faith-Based and Community Initiatives to  
talk about my charity work. Even further  
back, one month after the 2001 attack on the  
World Trade Center, I was in New York  
meeting Peter Gabriel and Hillary Rodham  
Clinton of The World Economic Forum.

Had I changed that much? No. Actually,  
it's the indiscriminate procedure of profil-  
ing that's changed. I am a victim of an un-  
just and arbitrary system, hastily imposed,  
that serves only to belittle America's image  
as a defender of civil liberties. ...

Need I say that any form of terrorism or  
violence is the antithesis of everything I  
love and stand for? Anyone who knows me  
will attest to this. I have spent my life in the  
search for peace and understanding, and  
that was mirrored clearly in my music ...

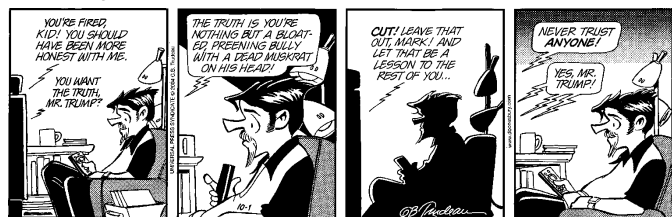
consistently. I have condemned the at-  
tacks of 9/11, stating that the slaughter of in-  
nocents, the taking of hostages and cold-  
blooded killing of women and children have  
nothing to do with Islam. I've openly and  
publicly repudiated the actions of groups  
that resort to such acts. ... Any allegations to  
the contrary are fabricated. The Quran  
equates the murder of one innocent person  
with the murder of all of humanity.

I am a man of peace, and I denounce all  
forms of terrorism and injustice; it is simply  
outrageous for anyone to suggest otherwise.  
That I have sympathy for ordinary people in  
the world who are suffering from occupa-  
tion, tyranny, poverty or war is human and  
has nothing to do with politics or terrorism.

Thank God my daughter and I were re-  
lieved of our ordeal and delivered home  
safely. I also thank all those who prayed for  
me and supported me through my dark epi-  
sode; I have never harbored any ill will to-  
ward people of God's great Earth anywhere  
— and wish the reverse was also true.

Yusuf Islam, the singer formerly known as Cat  
Stevens, was deported to Britain last week after  
being refused entry into the United States. This  
column first appeared in the Los Angeles Times.

## Doonesbury



BY GARRY TRUDEAU



## Smoking at 108

**MT** GREAT FALLS — A 108-year-old man has taken up smoking again, encouraged by gifts of cigars from as far away as London.

Retired railroad worker Walter Breuning spoke at his birthday party of how he reluctantly quit smoking cigars at the age of 99 because he couldn't afford them.

After his story was widely distributed, the Great Falls man heard from people like the English cigar fan who sent two Havanas.

"They were \$12 cigars and they were good," Breuning said. "You can't get good Havana cigars like that out here."

He also got a birthday note and a few more cigars from a former Great Falls resident now living in Oregon.

"They were pretty good cigars, too," Breuning said. Fred Aimi, of Lolo, was reading newspaper stories to a group of blind neighbors when he came across an account of Breuning's birthday. "That hurt," Aimi said. "I like a good cigar myself."

Aimi said he sent a box of two dozen cigars to Breuning. "At 108, they can't do him much harm," he said.

## Purr-fectly great gift

**GA** ATHENS — The University of Georgia's veterinary school has something to purr about thanks to a \$2 million gift. Tim and Dorothy Morris, of Fort Lauderdale, Fla., picked the school as the recipient of their entire estate because their favorite veterinarian, William Meriwether, went to school there.

"Since they had no children, I think they just wanted to leave their legacy to animals," said Peter Arnold, the deceased couple's nephew and representative of the estate.

Tim Morris died in the 1980s, and Dorothy Morris passed on in 2003.

Their bequest will turn into a \$90,000 a year trust for students working toward a doctorate of veterinary medicine and Ph.D. simultaneously, said Dot Sparer, public relations coordinator for the veterinary school.

Meriwether said he had no idea the Morrises would leave such a large gift.

"I thought maybe they'd give a few thousand dollars — but \$2 million? Good gracious!" he said.

## Running for the record

**MN** ST. CLOUD — Jay Johnson is about to run himself into the record books.

If he competes in next month's 26.2-mile Portland Marathon in Oregon, he will have completed a 10-year goal of running a marathon in all 50 states.

Johnson, 44, has overcome aches, pains and sickness to approach the rare feat.

"My body's been able to withstand it. The running goals have been on my side," Johnson said.

If Johnson makes it, he'll join a list of at least 167 others to have run a marathon in 50 states. That's according to the 50 States Marathon Club, which tries to chart such accomplishments.

"If many people in the world can run a marathon, much less run a marathon in every state in the country," said Bob Kovelke, 51,



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treasurer of the St. Cloud River Runners Club. "It's an incredible achievement."

Johnson would be the seventh-youngest person to accomplish the feat and one of a handful from Minnesota, according to the club.

"Most of them are retired folks," Johnson said.

With the 50-state goal in reach, what's next? Running a marathon on each continent, of course.

## Teeing off in Iraq

**TX** HUNTSVILLE — Some people who believe Iraq is just one big sand trap now have some tools to tackle the terrain.

A local resident, Doug Murdock, was inspired to collect golf clubs and balls for servicemembers after hearing that the son of his friend, Claude Dance from Shreveport, La., had been sent to Iraq.

"Prior to his son going, Claude had seen that some of the troops were making makeshift golf courses. They would round up clubs and balls and play golf," Murdock said. Before long, buckets full of clubs and balls were being donated and gathered at the Elkins Lake Golf Course.

Care package organizer Joe Peery attributed the response to the community's support of the troops in Iraq.

"I didn't think we'd get quite that many clubs, but I knew we'd get some," Peery said.

Servicemembers in their spare

time have shaped their own makeshift small golf courses — some of them up to six holes — in the Iraqi desert.

"I've heard about them laughing and cutting up, saying you've got to be able to hit out of sand traps to play this course," Peery said. "We just kind of started this wanting to give them something to do. A little diversion of any kind is a pretty good deal."

## A first for airman

**NH** NEWINGTON — New Hampshire's National Guard Airman Emily Cole was named the 2004 First-Term Airman of the Year by the Air Force Sergeants Association. It's the first time the award has gone to someone who's not an active-duty member of the Air Force. Cole, 21, works as an intelligence journeyman at Pease Air National Guard Base.

## Fatal alligator bite

**FL** FORT MYERS — A 20-year-old woman died after an alligator bit off her arm as she apparently went out for a late-night swim in a lake near her grandparents' house, authorities said.

The body of Michelle Reeves was found by her father in a lake near a residential area, sheriff's spokeswoman Ileana LiMarzi said. Reeves and her father had come from Georgia to visit her grandparents' house, authorities said.

Reeves' right arm was bitten off at the elbow and she had puncture wounds on her left arm and upper body, LiMarzi said.

Reeves' father began searching for her around 10 a.m. and found his daughter's nightgown near the lake. He then called sheriff's deputies, and he found the body after they arrived.

The victim had "made several remarks to her family during the day that she wanted to go swimming in that lake," LiMarzi said.

State wildlife officials said an alligator was removed from the area.

## Man stabbed in subway

**NY** NEW YORK — A 45-year-old man stepped off a subway train in lower Manhattan with seven stab wounds to his chest and back, and died shortly after collapsing on the platform, police said.

The man, whose name was not released, had been riding a northbound N train when he stumbled onto the platform at the Rector Street station at about 4:40 a.m., police said. He was taken to New York University Downtown Hospital and pronounced dead at 5 a.m.

No weapon was recovered and no arrests have yet been made.

The train was taken to Ditmars Yards in Queens for further investigation, said Officer Jennara Everlett, a police spokeswoman.

## Body may be student

**AR** MELBOURNE — A body found in Izard County is likely that of missing college student Rebekah Gould, state police said.

Gould, 22, was last seen Sept. 20 and was reported missing the next day. Searchers found the body at the bottom of a 35-foot embankment off State Highway 9 about 4.5 miles south of Melbourne, state police spokesman Bill Sadler said.



**A long way to go** Judy Enello cuts apples for pies at the Dummerston Congregational Church in Dummerston, Vt., while preparing for the Dummerston Apple Pie Festival, slated for Oct. 10. Volunteers from throughout the area spend many days and evenings peeling apples and making hundreds of pies for the annual event, which is the church's primary fund-raiser.



**Sidewalk challenge** Junior Mota, left, watches as Christian Mota, center, and Jim Padilla play a game of chess on the sidewalk in Ridgewood, in the Queens borough of New York.

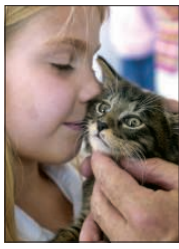




**Waiting for new home** A statue of Jesus rests against the wall of a small evidence room at the Eagle Pass Police Department in Eagle Pass, Texas. The religious icon was found floating on the Rio Grande a few weeks ago by the U.S. Border Patrol. It was turned over to the police to be held in the evidence room for 90 days. Several religious groups have expressed interest in the icon.



**Welcome home, Daddy** Sgt. Robert Foote, of Hampton, Va., is reunited with his 3-year-old twin daughters, Chyanna, left, and Chasity, after being deployed in Iraq for six months with the 3rd FAST (Fleet Antiterrorism Security Team) Company Marines at the Marine Corps Security Force Battalion Armory at Camp Allen in Norfolk, Va.



**Blessing Gabriel** Brianna Mintz, 7, nuzzles her kitten, Gabriel, as he is blessed by the Rev. Richard C. Vaughan at Camp United Methodist Church in Shalotte, N.C.



**Lighting the way** An untitled art installation by Dan Flavin lights up in the East Building of The National Gallery of Art in Washington. Instead of canvas and paint, Flavin created art with ordinary fluorescent light tubes, a technique that made him an important figure in the experimental art world of the later 20th century. The National Gallery is showing the first U.S. retrospective of his career.

## Fire stats alarming

**MA** BOSTON — The state fire marshal said that smoke alarms were missing in nearly half of Massachusetts' fatal fires in 2002.

"One-third of these cases were due to disabled smoke alarms. The other two-thirds did not have any smoke alarms at all," said Fire Marshal Stephen D. Coan of the 55 fatal fires that year.

"These people mistakenly thought fire wouldn't happen to them."

The total number of fires in 2002, according to the Massachusetts Fire Incident Reporting System, was 27,380, down 2 percent from the year before. The reporting system said 62 civilians and one firefighter were killed in those fires, an increase of 5 percent from 2001.

Smoking continued to be the leading cause of fatal fires, dating back to the 1940s. In 2002, smoking caused 40 percent of fires in Massachusetts, and 39 percent of those that caused fatalities, Coan's office said.

The leading cause of fires in the home in 2002 resulted from cooking, and 49 percent of all residential fires originated in the kitchen.

## Guard expects re-up drop

**ND** BISMARK — The National Guard expects a 10 percent drop in re-enlistments after units from the state spent a year in Iraq. The Guard now plans to turn its attention to recruiting, which has become more difficult since the war began. Six members of the North Dakota National Guard were killed while serving in Iraq.

## Hawaii named in lawsuit

**HI** HONOLULU — The state has been named in a lawsuit filed by the legal guardians of a 16-year-old girl who was sexually assaulted by a guard at the Hawaii Youth Correctional Facility. The Circuit Court lawsuit names the Department of Human Services, Office of Youth Services, the correctional facility, former guard Lia Olione and two administrators. The lawsuit alleges that the state failed to protect the girl from harm and failed to immediately remove her from the facility after she reported the assault.

## Mason schism continues

**NC** RALEIGH — North Carolina's white Masons have again chosen to continue a split with their black counterparts, voting against a resolution to officially recognize the state's historically black Masonic group. The schism dates to the days of segregation. Though both groups are open to members of all races, neither officially recognizes that the other exists.

## Lobster harvest lagging

**ME** PORTLAND — The lobster harvest was down sharply this summer and there are no signs that catch will pick up this fall, according to lobstermen and dealers. The catch is estimated to be down 25 percent to 40 percent from last year at this time along the

ferent parts of the coast. A strong October could make up for some of the decline, but the slowdown is increasing fears that the state's 14-year lobster boom may be coming to an end.

## Dry month sparks fires

**IL** BUFFALO — An unusually dry September in central Illinois has sucked so much moisture out of corn and soybean crops, just driving combines over them is sparking small blazes, a University of Illinois crop analyst said. Weather experts say there's little relief in sight. The first chance of rain for the area won't come until the weekend, meteorologist James Auten of the National Weather Service said.

## Computer frustrates

**CO** DENVER — County officials vented their frustrations over a troubled welfare computer in a meeting with Gov. Bill Owens but said they would keep working on the system. The computer has been blamed for delaying food stamps, pension payments, Medicaid and other vital services for hundreds of thousands of people. Owens ordered computer to go online on Sept. 1 despite pleas from county officials who said it wasn't ready. Half a dozen county officials met with Owens for an hour and afterwards said the old system of distributing benefits was no longer usable.

## Police find alcohol stash

**KY** GREENUP — State police confiscated more than 120 cases of beer and 100 bottles of liquor at the Veterans of Foreign Wars post in Greenup after troopers were called to break up a fight. Trooper Elliott Gollube said the cache of alcohol was visible from the parking lot. Liquor sales aren't permitted in Greenup. He said an investigation is under way, and that charges of illegal possession of alcohol could be filed.

## Ponderosa Ranch closes

**NV** INCLINE VILLAGE — Nevada's Ponderosa Ranch has faded into the sunset. The 570-acre Western theme park overlooking Lake Tahoe and made famous by the 1960s television series "Bonanza" shut its gates after nearly four decades. Thousands of people visited the park for one last snapshot of the Ponderosa and the Bonanza television show that featured the Cartwright family — Ben, Little Joe, Hoss and Adam.

## Restructuring proposed

**IN** INDIANAPOLIS — Gov. Joe Kernan proposed sweeping changes that include creating a cabinet position to head Health and Human Services, which would consist of four separate agencies and assume all the duties of the Family and Social Services Administration.

His opponent in the Nov. 2 election, Republican Mitch Daniels, could stop any changes elected. But Daniels' campaign says he also favors changes to FSSA, including making child protection services a freestanding agency.

Stories and photos from wire services



# Horoscope

The solid Taurus moon highlights the amorous side of Libra's solar energy. Romantic partnerships have been focused on the friendship aspect, which is one of the most important elements. But there is much to experience in the world. Be a little indulgent, and plan activities that will delight the senses.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (October 1).** If your body's telling you to lie low and hibernate this season, don't ignore it. Use this time to reflect, rest up and take stock of all you've accomplished in the past year and all you plan to do come spring. That's when you'll be at your most productive, blazing a trail that will last all summer long. Lucky love signs are Scorpio and Leo.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19).** Your sign is known for getting bored too easily and not finishing what it starts. To beat this bad rap, identify your inner longings, and then, strike while the iron is hot or you're still interested. Set realistic goals.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20).** When faced with an untenable situation, contemplate where it began and where it might lead if it continues on its present course. The answer lies somewhere in between. Consult a Sagittarius for a different perspective.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 21).** Pay careful attention to what people say in passing, particularly siblings and neighbors. A useful piece of information slips out. These tidbits of knowledge provide an opportunity for you to gain more insight into a troubling situation.

**CANCER (June 22-July 22).** The strength of your success lies in your innate ability to adapt to any situation. Unfortunately, your tendency to become overly emotional often hinders your ability to see what's going on. Try to keep your cool.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22).** With every action you take, you set into motion a chain of events that affects everyone around you. This can

either work for you or against you. Kindness comes back to you when you least expect it.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22).** You manage to accomplish every last thing and still look great doing it. If only you could bottle that laser-beam focus.

The boss rewards your empty "in" basket by piling on more work than you think you can handle.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22).** Feeling a little off kilter? It might be something as simple as eating smarter, more nutritious meals. Also, it's important for you to feel safe in your immediate surroundings, so make home security adjustments you feel are necessary.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21).** You seem to thrive on conflict and have mastered the art of turning crises into opportunities. Beware of gossipmongers at the office. Just keep a low profile, and do your job, and you'll probably stay out of the line of fire.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21).** Too much is never enough. If ever you had a life motto, that would be it. But take care not to clutter your life with endless details. Getting mired in minutiae will distract you from the real work at hand.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19).** Make sure that you do something significant to your goals each and every day. With your ambition and drive, that challenge will be a problem. The real challenge will be finding the time for fun and romance while you're at it.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18).** Get out of your own way when events start to take on a perfect momentum. This means don't sabotage yourself by overthinking the situation. It's useless to direct what's happening or interfere with it any way.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20).** Things are looking up for you. Celebrate your successes, no matter how small. Better yet, make a list of today's top five accomplishments. You'll probably be surprised at how many more there actually were.

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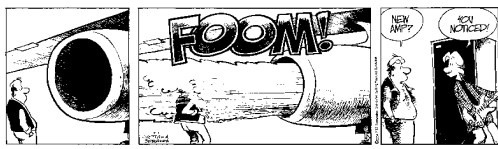
Calvin and Hobbes



Jump Start



Zits



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Hi and Lois



Beetle Bailey



Red and Rover



Better or Worse

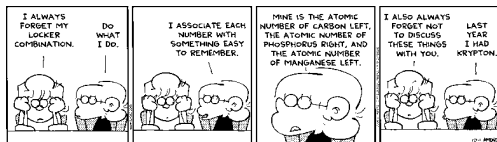


## Peanuts





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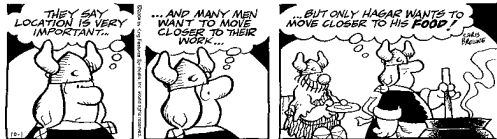
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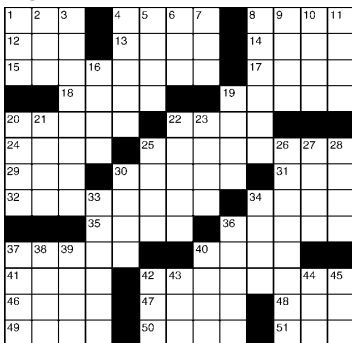
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## Eugene Sheffer Crossword



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8 Skateboarder's protection  
12 Lameux milieu  
13 Ford or Lincoln  
14 Bread spread  
15 Interim  
17 Showgirl "At the Copa"  
18 Slender  
19 Insomniac's wish  
20 Bottom line  
22 Like the White Rabbit  
24 Eastern potentate (Var.)  
25 Porches  
29 "God bless us, every one," said he  
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31 Bullring bravo  
32 Furtive  
34 Broadway's Verdon  
35 Come in last  
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37 Provide a counterexample  
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41 Injury  
42 Recess, perhaps  
46 Ms. Brockovich  
47 Check  
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52 River of forgetfulness  
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33 Reunion group  
34 Heart of the matter  
36 The Duke  
37 Comical Caroline  
38 Deserve  
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43 Journey segment  
44 Bloke  
45 Sullivan and McMahon

## Answer to Previous Puzzle



## 10-1

## CRYPTOQUIP

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"WUK MPMC DMYC."

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: IF SOMEONE REALLY CAN'T WAIT FOR A FLOWER TO BLOOM, COULD YOU SAY HE'S BUDTHIRSTY?

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: C equals M



# Smoke alarms are high priority

**Dear Abby:** Smoke from a fire is sneaky, a silent killer. If a home fire breaks out while we are sleeping, we will not hear smoke as it creeps into our bedrooms, banking up the walls, curling across the ceiling. We will snuggle deeper into the blankets, unaware of the poisons enveloping us. It will grow and spread, becoming hotter and hotter, until it reaches our beds. Then our lungs will be filled with scorching poisonous gases silently extinguishing our lives.

That harsh scenario is what happens in home fires in America every single day. According to the Home Safety Council's State of Home Safety in America Report, fires and burns are a leading cause of home injury-related death. To prevent this from happening, we need working smoke alarms.

October is Fire Safety Month, and it's the logical time for all of us to consider how safe we are from fire.

**Dear Abby**



The majority of fire deaths occur at home, where we can make simple changes that can help us to stay safer.

When it comes to our personal safety and the safety of loved ones, we must hope for the best but prepare for the worst. A safe home is within our hands.

— Meri-K Appy, president, Home Safety Council

*Dear Meri-K: Thank you for the reminder.*

*My experts have stressed to me that every home must have WORKING smoke alarms installed on each level of the house. Additional smoke detectors should be placed inside rooms where people sleep.*

**Dear Abby:** I threw a party at my house and invited my usual friends, "Dave" arrived wearing a pair of sunglasses, even though my party was at night. He perched the glasses over the bill

of his baseball cap and left them on all evening.

The party was a barbecue outside in my back yard, and my 8-month-old Doberman, "Rommel," was running around. At some point, Dave's glasses fell off and Rommel used them for a toy. I had no idea what had happened until the next day, when Dave called and asked me to look for them.

When Dave found out my dog had ruined the glasses, he demanded that I pay for them to the tune of \$350! I don't think I owe him any money. Am I wrong?

— Dog Lover in Las Vegas

*Dear Dog Lover: No, you are not wrong. The sunglasses were Dave's property, and he should have made sure they were protected. As his host, you had enough responsibilities on your shoulders during the evening. Dave shouldn't blame others for his carelessness.*

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## JUMBLE

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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TEABA

BUSTIM

KELNER

www.jumble.com

Answer: A

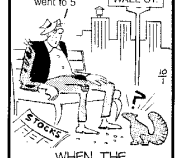
Yesterday's Jumbles: BOOTY NIECE PARODY VACUUM

Answer: What he realized when she declined the kiss at midnight — THE DATE WAS OVER

## THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

by Henri Arnold and Mike Argirion

He said it would go to 50. It went to 5



WHEN THE ANALYST'S FORECAST FELL SHORT THE INVESTOR REALIZED IT WAS

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

(Answers tomorrow)

# Mixed reviews on GI's judgment

**Dear Annie:** I read the letter from "Fired Up Army Wife," whose husband allowed a drunken female soldier to sleep it off in the hotel room that he shared with another male soldier.

As an Army wife, a soldier and a counselor, I wholeheartedly disagree with you that comradely behavior such as this would not be unusual for soldiers. Even though you work with your fellow soldiers as a team, your first responsibility is to your family. Actions that reflect poorly on your marriage are not excusable. Additionally, nursing a drunken friend is not part of the Army code of ethics.

If this guy really wanted to help a fellow soldier, he could have placed her in a cab. The fact that his wife was upset is perfectly normal and does not mean she needs counseling.

— Lincoln, Neb.

**Annie's Mailbox**



*Dear Lincoln: We agree he should have placed the soldier in a cab, but we also understand why he did not. And the suggestion of counseling is not because the wife has a problem, but to repair the damage to the relationship. Our mail was split on this subject, with most wives agreeing with you.*

Here's more:

**From Ohio:** My husband is a Marine. Those in the military do need to be able to rely on one another, so why did he let her get so intoxicated in the first place? Don't let a soldier's "brother" warp your judgment, Annie.

**Southwest:** I am an active-duty soldier in the Army as well as an Army wife. If this woman was in a condition where she could not care for herself (which is what it sounds like), it is most appropriate to place her

where she can be protected. Taking her back to his hotel room, where his buddy also was sleeping, was probably the best route.

If he had dropped her off in a cab or left her in her hotel room, she could have become sick, not been able to clear her own airway and suffocated. Or, someone may have noticed her condition and broken into her room. This husband simply wanted to take care of a fellow soldier in an environment that was safe for everyone.

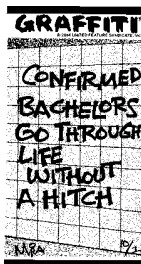
**Okinawa:** My husband has been in the Army 15 years, and he would never let a female sleep it off in his room. Conduct like this can become a black mark on his integrity — or worse, his record.

Annie's Mailbox is written by Kathy Mitchell and Marcy Sugar, longtime editors of the Ann Landers column. Please e-mail your questions to [annie-mailbox@comcast.net](mailto:annie-mailbox@comcast.net) or write to: Annie's Mailbox, c/o Creators Syndicate, 5777 W. Century Blvd., Suite 700, Los Angeles, CA 90045. Creators Syndicate

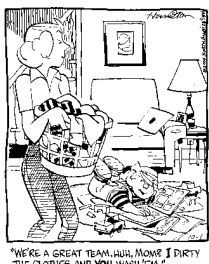
## Family Circus



"That's a violin. Its nickname is 'Fiddle.'"



**Dennis the Menace**



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The Far Side

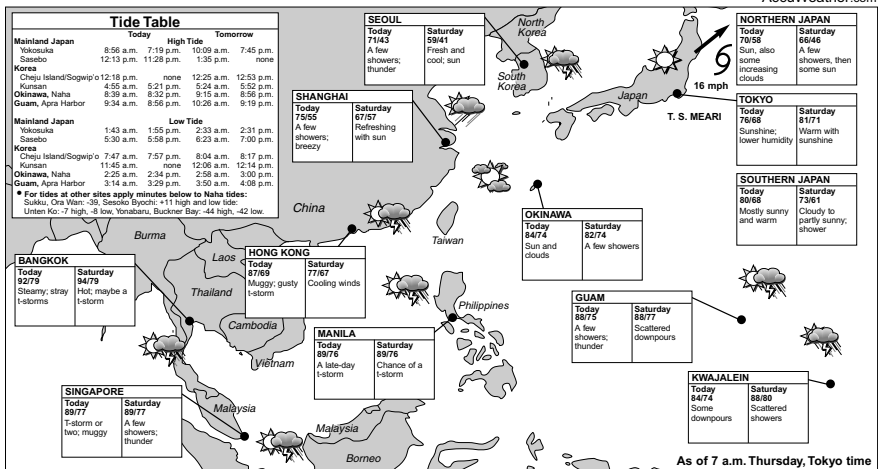


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## The Pacific Forecast

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## Extended Forecasts

## TOKYO

Sunday: Mostly cloudy, high 75, low 67.  
Monday: Rain, high 75, low 64.

## KADENA

Sunday: Periods of clouds and sunshine, high 82, low 74.  
Monday: Showers, high 82, low 74.

## SEoul

Sunday: Mostly sunny, high 63, low 46.  
Monday: Partly sunny, high 67, low 49.

## MANILA

Sunday: Showers, high 89, low 76.  
Monday: Thunderstorms, high 89, low 76.

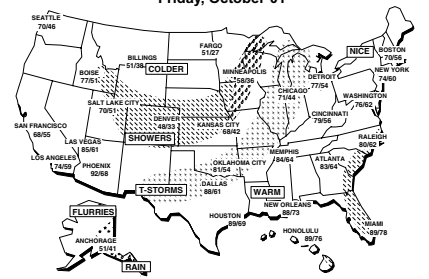
## HAGATNA

Sunday: Thunderstorms, high 80, low 77.  
Monday: Showers, high 88, low 77.

## Wednesday's USA Temperatures

CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW
Albuquerque	70/49	Los Angeles	73/60
Amarillo	74/53	Little Rock	79/53
Anchorage	42/41	Louisville	68/49
Ashville	75/53	Miami	91/77
Baltimore	74/58	Milwaukee	67/47
Birmingham	84/53	Nashville	72/50
Bismarck	72/48	New York	68/56
Boise	83/51	Omaha	76/52
Boston	58/49	Orlando	91/72
Brownsville	91/70	Philadelphia	72/56
Buffalo	68/48	Phoenix	96/70
Burlington	67/41	Pittsburgh	67/48
Charleston, SC	86/68	Portland, OR	70/51
Charlotte	81/58	Portland, ME	62/39
Cleveland	64/46	Salt Lake City	72/52
Columbus, OH	65/47	San Diego	74/50
Duluth	70/44	San Antonio	88/67
El Paso	77/58	San Jose	70/54
Hartford	62/42	San Juan	87/76
Helena	77/43	Tampa	89/74
Indianapolis	67/47	Tulsa	78/57
Jacksonville	88/68	Washington	75/61
Kansas City	74/51	Wichita	74/56

## Friday, October 01



## U.S. Extended Forecast

Dry weather will persist for much of the eastern half of the nation Friday. A stationary front draped over Florida will produce thunderstorms in spots along the front. Showers and thunderstorms will spread southwestward from Wisconsin to the southern Rockies along a strong cold front. Breezy conditions will precede the front, and cold air from Canada will follow behind the system. A few snow showers are possible behind the front in the mountains of Wyoming and Colorado. An area of low pressure situated over central California will filter some clouds into the region.

## Friday's Pacific Temperatures

CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW
Bangkok	92/79	Iwakuni	81/66
Beijing	59/41	Kadena AB	84/74
Camp Casey	69/41	Kunsan AB	75/49
Christchurch	53/31	Kwajalein	84/74
Diego Garcia	89/74	Manila	89/76
Hagatna	88/75	Misawa AB	71/57
Hanoi	87/67	Okinawa	72/44
Hong Kong	87/69	Perth	67/49
Honolulu	89/76	Pusan	81/56

## Friday's World Temperatures

CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW
Acapulco	90/76	Budapest	82/40	Kabul	85/47	Nairobi	80/51
Athens	77/62	Buenos Aires	73/50	Kiev	51/34	New Delhi	91/74
Auckland	61/49	Cairo	97/68	London	10/273	Oslo	51/38
Baghdad	107/76	Canary	88/73	Madrid	58/43	Paris	59/44
Barbados	90/75	Cape Town	76/59	Moscow	83/64	Rio de Janeiro	69/61
Barcelona	72/62	Geneva	62/51	Mexico City	72/55	Rome	74/57
Berlin	57/42	Islamabad	71/55	Montreal	74/55	St. Petersburg	51/38
Bermuda	82/70	Jerusalem	90/66	Mogadishu	88/72	Stockholm	52/38
Brussels	60/42	Johannesburg	82/60	Moscow	57/39	Warsaw	59/42



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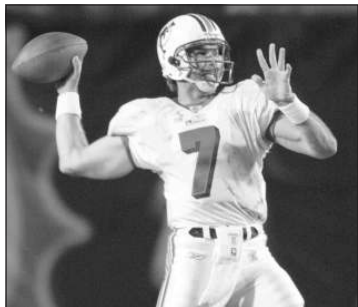












A.J. Feeley, above, has thrown two TD passes, five interceptions and completed 55 of 97 passes for 523 yards since replacing Jay Fiedler midway through Miami's opener. Fiedler reportedly will start Sunday.

## Punchless Dolphins turn to Fiedler again

BY STEVEN WINE  
The Associated Press

MIAMI — Jay Fiedler will replace A.J. Feeley at quarterback and start for the winless Miami Dolphins against the New York Jets on Sunday, a team source told The Associated Press on Tuesday on condition of anonymity.

That's not the only lineup change: The Dolphins placed running back Lamar Gordon on injured reserve with a dislocated shoulder, which means he's out for the season.

Feeley has thrown two touchdown passes and five interceptions since supplanting Fiedler at halftime of the Dolphins' opener.

Miami is 0-3 for the first time since 1969, and last in the NFL in scoring with 23 points.

Fiedler will rejoin a lineup that has endured weekly shakeups. Both quarterbacks have operated behind a patchwork line, and with the loss of Gordon, the Dolphins are on their fifth running

back since July, when Ricky Williams retired.

Running back Leonard Henry, a third-year pro who made his NFL debut Sunday, is expected to start against the Jets (2-0).

Fiedler, a starter the past four seasons, is more experienced and more mobile than Feeley. But Fiedler lost his job by throwing two interceptions in the first half of the opener against Tennessee. After that game, coach Dave Wannstedt said he would go week to week deciding on a starting quarterback.

Fiedler, a former Philadelphia backup acquired in a trade in March, is 55 of 97 for 523 yards this season. In Sunday's 13-3 loss to Pittsburgh, he threw two interceptions, lost a fumble on a sack and drew criticism from Wannstedt for failing to convert a sneak with 2 inches needed on fourth down.

"A.J.'s young," Wannstedt said Monday. "Every game is a new adventure for him. It's a learning process."

# No panic for coaches stuck at 0-3

BY CHARLES BRICKER

South Florida Sun-Sentinel

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. — Two Super Bowl-winning coaches are 0-3, but, as you might expect, there isn't a hint of panic from either man, or any recriminations directed at his players or bloodthirsty reporters.

One of the attributes of a great coach is the ability to hold a team together through the toughest of times, and that can be done with humor, as Jon Gruden of the Tampa Bay Buccaneers showed this week.

"I think the future's so bright here you've got to wear shades," cracked Gruden after a 30-20 loss to the Raiders put Tampa Bay's moribund offense on display a third consecutive week.

It wasn't a terribly original phrase. Gruden might, in fact, have picked it up from one of those Disney World souvenir shops, near where his team con-



Dick Vermeil's Chiefs are 0-3 and play at Baltimore and Jacksonville in their next two games.

ducts training camp, the same words written below Mickey or Goody, starting out from a T-shirt wearing dark glasses.

Then he continued: "This is as low as I have been personally. The two or three friends I have left in Tampa ... I'm sure will call me sometime today and pump me up."

Meanwhile, in Kansas City,

Dick Vermeil has only to stay the course, which he will. There's too much talent there not to make a late run to the playoffs and the key is patience. He brought in new defensive coordinator Gunther Cunningham and it's going to take perhaps half a season before the Chiefs look consistently strong on defense.

They stuffed Houston's running game Sunday, did an average job against quarterback David Carr, but were beaten by a 102-yard interception return for a touchdown by Marcus Coleman and a 49-yard field goal at the end of the fourth quarter.

Panic? Kansas City defensive end Eric Hicks laughed it off. "Panic is for college kids at Baltimore on Monday night and Bucs at home to the Broncos. Vermeil will stick against the run to stop Jamal Lewis, known as quarterback Kyle Boller isn't going to hurt them. Tampa Bay will have Michael Pittman back from a three-game suspension.

Relax. It's still early.

## Teams pursuing Chiefs RB Johnson

From wire reports

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — The Kansas City Chiefs don't appear to be aggressively seeking offers for disgruntled halfback Larry Johnson but would part with him if the right one came along before the NFL's Oct. 19 trade deadline.

The Chiefs have held recent discussions with at least four teams regarding Johnson — Tampa Bay, Miami, Philadelphia and Dallas. Each of the four teams is seeking to add depth at halfback.

The Dolphins are desperate for a halfback after losing their starting halfback, Lamar Gordon, for the season because of a dislocated shoulder.

Tampa Bay also lost Charlie Garner for the season because of knee damage.

The Dolphins and Bucs are 0-3 and close to falling out of the playoff race, leaving them little reason to make a trade for Johnson, the Chiefs' third-stringer.



The Chiefs had no discussions with any team about Johnson on Monday and aren't optimistic a trade can be arranged by the deadline. That situation could change quickly if a team meets the Chiefs' demands.

Those could include a veteran player at linebacker, wide receiver or cornerback or a draft pick.

The efforts to trade Johnson appear to have more to do with the Chiefs' exasperation than Johnson's unhappiness or his recent public quarrel with coach Dick Vermeil.

Johnson, behind Priest Holmes and Derrick Byak on the depth chart, hasn't had a rushing attempt or caught a pass this season.

Johnson has made no attempt to hide his unhappiness with the Chiefs since being drafted by them in the first round last season. He played in only six games as a rookie.

Vermeil last week said it was time for Johnson "to take the diaper off and go play" when it appeared an ankle injury would keep Holmes from playing Sunday's game against Houston.

Johnson responded by saying he didn't appreciate the sentiment.

"I don't need another grown man telling me I need to take the diapers off," he said last week.

The two later met to discuss the issue. Vermeil said Monday he didn't wish to part with Johnson. "Personally, no," he said. "Larry's got a long way to go. I'd just as soon see him do it here. He's got talent, and he can be a very fine player."

**Rams A. Williams moving back to safety**

ST. LOUIS — Aeneas Williams'

### NFL injury update

Injuries to prominent NFL players, followed by team's prognosis for upcoming week. (See page 27 for complete injury report provided by the league.)

**Cowboys:** CB Pete Hunter (tom Campbell) out for season. TE Dan Campbell (knee) out for season.

**Dolphins:** RB Lamar Gordon (dislocated shoulder) out for season. DT Tim Lewis (herniated disc) will not play. WR Eric Decker (knee) questionable. MLB Zach Thomas (shoulder) status uncertain.

**Redskins:** SS Matt Bowen (groin) status uncertain. RB Chad Mottley (knee sprain, concussion) expected to play.

return to cornerback was only a one-week proposition for the St. Louis Rams.

DeJuan Green was back at practice Wednesday after missing last week's game with a sprained knee, enabling the eight-time Pro Bowler to return to free safety. Coach Mike Martz expects the move to stabilize the defense, which has struggled.

Backup linebacker Trev Faulk (hamstring) also is expected to return for Sunday night's game at San Francisco.

### Bills QB Losman expects to practice soon

ORCHARD PARK, N.Y. — Rookie quarterback J.P. Losman threw his first passes for the Buffalo Bills since breaking his left leg last month, and anticipates being cleared for contact within three weeks.

Losman made the announcement Wednesday, a day after he threw several passes and jogged for about 100 yards. The workout came after an X-ray showed his leg healed significantly, and less than expected weeks ago. Losman expects to take part in seven-on-seven drills in practice next week. He added he might practice fully after Buffalo's game at the New York Jets on Oct. 10.

Selected 22nd overall, Losman is the second of Buffalo's two first-round draft picks.

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# Base finally earns bye in first round

BY DAVE ORNAUER

Stars and Stripes

CAMP FOSTER, Okinawa — Center-midfielder Carlos Fogarty had tried six times, and on Wednesday he finally succeeded: The Marine Corps Base Camp Butler team finally earned the top seed and a first-round playoff bye in the Marine Forces Pacific Regional Soccer Tournament.

"Good stuff," he said of the first seed, which gave Base teams jockeyed for semifinal berths.

While the rest would help Base recover from any bumps and bruises, Fogarty said a tough road still lay ahead for his team.

"It's a wide-open tournament," he said. "The real thing starts tomorrow. At least we get to sit and rest and watch soccer. We're looking forward to the day off, but we know we still have to play tough ball."

Base finished round-robin play 5-1, tied with 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, but Base earned the top seed based on its 2-1 victory over Wing on Monday.

Base suited Wing manager/coach Peter Burcheson fine, he didn't want his team to sit out Thursday. "It's not an advantage," he said of having a day off. "It makes you tired. It makes you flat. Some times, too much rest is a bad thing. I'd much rather be playing. We still have a chance to keep our game going. The more you play, the better your team plays."

## Hospital happy to participate

Coaches Sam Osuji and Christine Concepcion huddled in the bleachers, discussing lineup strategies and tactics for their

## Marine Forces Pacific Regional Soccer Tournament

At Field 1, Foster Field Complex, Camp Foster, Okinawa

Day 3 Standings  
(Based on order of playoff seeding)

Base, Okinawa 5 1 1 233 9 4 15  
1st Marine Aircraft Wing 4 1 1 233 9 4 15  
3rd Force, Okinawa 4 2 267 14 8 12  
Hawaii, Okinawa 2 4 233 8 15 6  
Hawaii, Japan 2 4 233 8 15 6  
Hospital, Okinawa 2 4 233 8 15 6  
Division, Okinawa 0 6 200 6 16 0

Wednesday's scores  
Wing 3, Division 1  
Base 1, 3rd Force 0  
Hawaii 4, Hospital 0  
Wing 5, Hawaii 2  
Base 1, Division 0  
3rd Force 3, Hawaii 2  
Hawaii 1, Hospital 3, SO (6-5)

U.S. Naval Hospital Camp Lester team's match Wednesday night with Iwakuni Air Station of Japan.

Quite ordinary stuff for any team in the Marine Forces Pacific Regional Soccer Tournament — except this is a team that hadn't played in the tournament in four years and used to hold such meetings to figure out if there were enough players to field a team.

"We're here to compete," Concepcion said of a team that finished 2-1 in round-robin play and earned the sixth seed in the seven-team single-elimination playoff that began Thursday.

"We have a mix [of veterans] and beginners. We may not be at the same level as other teams. Sometimes, we can be," Concepcion said.

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Carl Sither of 1st Marine Aircraft Wing goes up to head the ball while surrounded by 3rd Marine Division/Expeditionary Force defenders on Wednesday. Wing beat Division 3-1 and clinched the second seed in the playoffs, which began Thursday.

soccer team since it first entered Marine regional tournaments in 1993.

■ They followed that on Tuesday with a 2-1 victory over 3rd Marine Division/Expeditionary Force for a two-game winning streak — something no other hospital team ever has managed in any Marine regional, in any sport.

"What's satisfying is nobody knew about the history," Concepcion said.

They did know, however, that for four years, the hospital didn't have enough players to field a team. That's something Concepcion hopes the command has put behind.

"We want to participate in as many games, tournaments and leagues as we can," she said.

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# No Hamm running before Oct. 1

The Associated Press

LAUSANNE, Switzerland — A decision on whether U.S. Olympic Paul Hamm keeps his Olympic gold medal won't come until after Oct. 11, the Court of Arbitration for Sport said Wednesday.

Hamm won the all-around gold medal in the Athens Olympics, but South Korean Yang Tae-young wants the CAS to change the results after a second error committed by three judges. During an 11½-hour meeting Monday, Yang, who won the bronze medal, asked the CAS to move him up to first place.

"If they determine by the rules of gymnastics I should give back my medal, I will," Hamm said.

There is no appeal of the CAS judgment.

Yang was wrongly decoded 0.1 points for the level of difficulty of his parallel bars routine in the all-around. He ended up 0.049 points behind Hamm.

The International Gymnastics Federation (FIG) reviewed the

meet the next day and suspended the three judges, but FIG officials said they wouldn't change the results because the South Koreans didn't file a protest in time.

Then, FIG President Bruno Grandi wrote a letter to Hamm asking him to surrender the gold medal voluntarily. That, in part, prompted the South Korean federation's appeal to the CAS.

Also, U.S. sprinters Tim Montgomery and Cryste Gaines should get their CAS hearings in November. Montgomery and Gaines are charged with steroid use and could be banned from competition.

■ Woods played only seven holes in a practice round at Mount Juliet before his back stiffened and he decided not to risk further injury. He was asked if there was any doubt he would play Thursday.

"Yeah, there is a little bit," Woods said. "Warm-up session will probably determine it."

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# Samurai, Islanders relying on defense

Kubasaki-Kadena matchup to determine first place on Okinawa

BY DAVE ORNAUER

Stars and Stripes

Call it the "Battle of the Defenses."

Sparring 20 records, the Kadena Islanders and Kubasaki Samurai march into a Saturday showdown at Panther Field, Kadena Air Base, hoping to take the early edge in the battle for the top seed in the Okinawa Activities Council postseason playoffs.

And each team largely credits its defense for where it is:

■ The Islanders have permitted just 38 yards and a touchdown, while forcing 10 turnovers and registering seven quarterback sacks.

"It's the fire of the team," coach Sergio Mendoza said. "It's the defense that lights the fire for the offense (and) pumps them into to play harder."

Grady Pennell and Ted Awana each has forced two turnovers and recorded one sack.

■ While the Samurai have been outgained 335-227 on offense, they've allowed just 10 points, thanks mainly to an opportunistic defense that has forced 10 turnovers.

"We've had a good effort and some breaks," coach Fred Bales said. "We could just as easily be 1-1 or 0-2. Why we aren't is because of a great team effort. A lot of people have stepped up and made plays and they've worked hard in practice."

The spark for the Samurai has been a new offensive — newcomer Lenard White, who's been doing it on both sides of the ball.

The Samurai-Islanders game highlights a nearly full slate of games on Saturday in the Pacific.

The weekend began a day earlier than usual, with the American School in Japan visiting Yokota on Thursday in what might be a blustery, wet battle thanks to Tropical Storm Menlo.

On Friday, Nile C. Kinnick visits his Robert D. Edgren. Then on Saturday, after a week hiatus for the Chu Sok holiday, Korea's league resumes with Osan American at Taegu American, while Guam High visits Southern.

What worries Mendoza is that Bales, whose roots are on offense, hasn't gotten his team's offense into gear yet.

"When it does, it'll be interesting to see, then figure out what type of defense to put against it," he said. "You have to play aggressive, play smart, keep forcing turnovers and capitalizing on them."

"They're an impressive team," Bales said of the Islanders. "They're teeing it up and running right at people, and they're lining up and throwing 11 people at the football. And they have outstanding running backs and good kicking game."

The Samurai hope for continued "good fortune, sterling effort and intensity of team play that we've seen the first two games," Bales said.

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## High school football schedule

Thursday, Sept. 30

American School in Japan at Yokota, 6 p.m.

Friday, Oct. 1

Nile C. Kinnick at Robert D. Edgren, 7 p.m.

Okinawa

Saturday, Oct. 2

Kubasaki Samurai at Kadena Buccaneers, noon

Kubasaki Samurai at Kadena Islanders, 3 p.m.

Guam

Saturday, Oct. 2

Guam International Christian Academy vs. Simon Sanchez at Eagle Field, Father Duquesne Memorial at John F. Kennedy, 10 a.m.

Guam High at Southern, 3 p.m.

## The Top Ten

The Top Ten teams in the Stars and Stripes' 2004 Fall High school football rankings, with records through Sept. 15, points and last season's final ratings, as compiled by Dave Ornauer of Stars and Stripes sports. Ratings are based primarily on teams' win-loss records, quality of wins, strength of overall record, point differential, strength of schedule, statistical strength of schedule and strength of league. Minimum rating is 500 points.

Rank	Team	Record	Pts	Pwr
1.	Yokota (Japan)	3-0	448	1
2.	Father Duquesne (Guam)	3-0	440	2
3.	Kadena Islanders (OKL)	2-0	432	3
4.	Seoul American (Guam)	1-0	420	4
5.	Kubasaki Samurai (OKL)	2-0	396	8
6.	John F. Kennedy (Japan)	2-0	384	9
7.	Robert D. Edgren (Japan)	2-1	388	7
8.	Nile C. Kinnick (Japan)	2-1	384	6
9.	Southern (Guam)	2-1	364	5
10.	Geo. Washington (Guam)	2-2	320	6

## Ornauer's Week 5 outlook

Thursday, Sept. 30

Yokota 21, American School in Japan 10

Friday, Oct. 1

Nile C. Kinnick 25, Robert D. Edgren 9

Saturday, Oct. 2

Kubasaki Samurai 14, Taegu American 10

Kadena Islanders 18, Kadena Buccaneers 11

Kubasaki Samurai 20, Kubasaki Shogun 8

George Washington 17, Guam International Christian Academy 9

Father Duquesne Memorial 22, Simon Sanchez 14

John F. Kennedy 24, Guam High 14

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Season 1995-2004

Week 4 grid honors

Yokota — Chris Roach 167 yards, one touchdown, 25 yards.

Nile C. Kinnick — Leonard Lynch 105 all-purpose yards, one touchdown, 14 touches (95 yards, one touchdown, 10 carries; 4 yards, four returns); 14 yards, Adam Kries 108 yards, 25 carries; seven tackles, one fumble recovery; Jarvis Williams 11 tackles, Andrew Yarnall three tackles.

Kadena Islanders — David McCown 111 all-purpose yards, one touchdown, 14 touches (95 yards, one touchdown, 14 carries; 18 yards, two returns). Grady Pennell 105 yards, one touchdown, one fumble recovery.

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# Baseball in D.C. after 33-year hiatus

## MLB announces Montreal Expos relocating to nation's capital for 2005 season

BY JOSEPH WHITE

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Baseball is returning to the nation's capital for the first time in 33 years, in the form of the Montreal Expos.

Major League Baseball announced Wednesday the team is moving to Washington to begin play at RFK Stadium in the 2005 season.

"After 30 years of waiting and waiting and waiting and lots of hard work and more than a few prayers, there will be baseball in Washington in 2005!" Mayor Anthony Williams, donning a Washington Senators cap, told a jubilant news conference at the City Museum.

The announcement came one day before the 33rd anniversary of the Washington Senators' final game. The team moved to Texas after the 1971 season, which was also the last time a major league team moved.

"It's a day when the sun is setting in Montreal, but it's rising in Washington," Expos President Tony Tavaras said during a news conference at Olympic Stadium in Montreal.

Relocation of the Expos is subject to certain contingencies, including a vote by team owners in November and passage of legislation by the District of Columbia

Council to build a ballpark on the Anacostia River waterfront in southeast Washington, baseball said.

"There has been tremendous growth in the Washington, D.C. area over the last 33 years, and we in Major League Baseball believe that baseball will be welcomed there and will be a great success," Commissioner Bud Selig said.

Eager fans arrived early for the announcement in Washington. A petition was being circulated to name the team the Washington Grays in tribute to the Homestead Grays, a Negro League team that played in Washington in the 1930s and 1940s.

Baseball has been looking for a new home for the Expos since the financially troubled team was bought by the other 29 major league owners in 2002.

Las Vegas, Norfolk, Va.; Monterrey, Mexico; Portland, Ore.; and Northern Virginia also made bids, but Washington clearly took the lead during negotiations over recent weeks, strengthened by its wealthy population base and a financial package that would build a stadium primarily with taxpayers' money.

A crucial hurdle was cleared this week when, according to the city official, baseball reached an



President Eisenhower makes the Opening Day pitch to get the baseball season under way in Griffith Stadium in Washington, D.C., in this April 13, 1954 photo. MLB announced Wednesday that the Montreal Expos will move to Washington in time for the 2005 season.

understanding with Baltimore Orioles owner Peter Angelos, who had previously objected to having a team move just 40 miles from the Orioles' Camden Yards stadium.

"It can work in all regards," said former Senators and Orioles player Fred Valentine. "It's going to benefit fans in Baltimore and

Washington. People that want to see National League ball can come here, and fans that want to see American League baseball can go to Baltimore. If they have good teams on both fields, they're both going to get their support."

Plans call for a \$440 million package that would include the new ballpark along with the Anacostia

about a dozen blocks south of the U.S. Capitol. The package also includes a \$13 million refurbishment of RFK, the team's temporary home.

With the announcement made, the process of selling the Expos starts. A group that includes former Rangers partner, Fred Malek has been seeking a Washington franchise for five years. In addition, several baseball officials have said in the past week that Stan Kasten, former president of the Atlanta Braves, Hawks and Thrashers, might be trying to assemble a group.

Some fans interviewed Wednesday in the district's downtown were wary of the financial implications for the cash-strapped city government.

"It's probably money that could be better spent elsewhere," said John Beckley, a Virginia resident who routinely travels to Baltimore to see the Orioles play.

"I guess the nation's capital deserves to have a representative in baseball, but obviously it's going to cost a lot of money," said Stephen Thomas, a district resident.

Others, like retired district resident Bob Ryan, were clearly elated.

"I've lived here all my life. I was a Washington Senators fan in the old days," Ryan said. "It's good to have it back."

# Cubs fall in 12, slip behind Giants in wild-card race

The Associated Press

CHICAGO — Austin Kearns tied the game with a two-out double in the ninth inning, then hit a two-run homer in the 12th and the Cincinnati Reds dealt the Chicago Cubs a key loss, 4-3 Wednesday.

The Cubs began the day tied for the NL wild-card lead with the Giants and one-half game ahead of Houston. San Francisco played at San Diego later and St. Louis was at Houston.

Chicago, which has lost four of its past five, has four games remaining — one more with the Reds on Thursday before concluding the regular season with a three-game series at Wrigley

**NL Roundup**  
Field against NL East champion Atlanta. Kearns, who also made a great catch in right to rob Sammy Sosa of extra bases, hit a two-run homer off Jon Lester (5-1) after a walk to D'Angelo Jimenez. John Riedling (5-3), who retired Ben Griese on a comebacker with Sosa at third in the 11th, got the win.

The Cubs tried to rally in the 12th against Joe Valentine, who got his fourth save.

After a leadoff walk, Valentine threw away Nomar Garciaparra's comebacker, putting runners on

the corners with no outs. But Moises Alou grounded into a double play as a run scored and after Aramis Ramirez singled, Derrek Lee struck out.

With Chicago leading 2-1 and one out away from a victory in the ninth, Cubs closer LaTroy Hawkins blew his ninth save. After retiring Sean Casey and Adam Dunn, he gave up a two-out triple to Jimenez and Kearns' double off the wall in left-center field.

**Braves 6, Mets 3:** Bobby Cox became just the ninth manager in baseball history to win 2,000 games when Atlanta scored four runs in the seventh inning.

Of the eight managers who previously reached 2,000 wins, seven

are in the Hall of Fame. The lone exception is Tony La Russa, still managing the St. Louis Cardinals.

Cox's overall record is 2,000-1,530, and he has guided Atlanta to 13 straight division titles.

In Tuesday's NL games:

**Dodgers 5, Rockies 4:** Steve Finley's two-run single capped a five-run rally in the ninth inning that gave Los Angeles a wild victory at Chavez Ravine.

The Dodgers lowered their magic number for winning the NL West championship to three. They lead San Francisco by three games with five remaining.

With the Rockies leading 4-0, Shawn Chacon struck out Orlando Saenz to start the ninth, but walked Alex Cora, pinch-hitters Robin Ventura and Jose Hernandez, and Cesar Izturis to force in a run.

Tim Lincecum (6-6) relieved and gave up a two-run double to Jayson Werth and Finley's single. Milton Bradley was thrown out of the game after a fan threw a plastic bottle at him following his two-out error and subsequent RBI single by Brad Hawpe that capped a three-run, eighth-inning rally by the Rockies.

**Giants 7, Padres 5:** Edgardo Alfonzo's two-run double capped a six-run rally in the fourth for San Francisco at Petco Park.

Jason Schmidt (17-7) won for just the second time in eight starts, allowing four runs and seven hits in six innings.

The Padres are three games out in the wild-card race with five to play and were eliminated from contention in the West.

**Reds 8, Cubs 3:** At Chicago, Adam Dunn reached 100 RBIs for the first time with his 44th homer to help hand the Cubs a costly loss in the wild-card race.

D'Angelo Jimenez and Darren Bragg also connected off Greg Maddux (15-11).

**Astros 2, Cardinals 1:** At Houston, Jeff Bagwell drove in two runs, and Brandon Backe (4-3) pitched five solid innings to help the Astros to a 14th straight home win, equalling a franchise record set in 1980.

St. Louis third baseman Scott Rolen went 0-for-3 in his return after missing 16 games with a strained upper left calf and bruised left shin.

**Marlins 5, Expos 2:** At Montreal, Jeff Conine homered and Mike Lowell drove in two runs to lead Florida to a win in what might prove to be the Expos' second-to-last game at Olympic Stadium.

**Mets 2-2, Braves 1-5:** At Atlanta, John Estremera's eighth-inning sixth-inning single helped the Braves split a doubleheader with the Mets. The Mets won the opener on solo homers by Gerald Williams and Eric Valente.

**Diamondbacks 9, Brewers 8 (11):** At Phoenix, Alan Zinter hit a two-run homer in the bottom of the 11th to give Arizona the win.

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# Guerrero homers twice as Angels soar into first place

## Anaheim routs Texas, ties Oakland atop AL West

The Associated Press

ARLINGTON, Texas — For the first time in over three months, the Anaheim Angels are back in first place.

Vladimir Guerrero homered twice and drove in five runs while going 4-for-5 Tuesday night to lead the Angels to their fourth straight victory, 8-2 over the Texas Rangers.

Anaheim (89-68) returned to top of the AL West in a tie with Oakland for the first time since June 8 after the Athletics lost 7-4 after Tuesday night to Seattle. The Rangers (86-71) are three games back with five to play.

"This thing can change momentum in a heartbeat. There's no reason to put too much stock in where we are," manager Mike Scioscia said. "The challenge is in front of us, and the opportunity is in front of us also."

The Angels never trailed Texas after Guerrero's second solo homer in the first. It was 8-0 after the MVP contender's 36th homer, a three-run shot in the sixth.

"I'm not trying to win the MVP. I'm trying to play every day to win a championship," Guerrero said.

"Right now, obviously his stroke of driving the ball is re-emerging, and that's great to see. It's a great time to see it," Scioscia said. "He's been about as consistent as any player I've seen from start to finish."

Guerrero also had a homer and a double in the Angels' 5-3 win on Monday night to start the series at Texas.

"I don't think he has much of an approach at the plate. He just goes out there and swings," said Angels starter Kelvin Escobar, the beneficiary Tuesday. "I don't think you can do much against him. You can make him look stupid on one pitch, and hit it out of the park on the next pitch."

Escobar (11-12) allowed just two runs on three hits over six innings to win for the first time in four starts against Texas this season. He struck out three and walked one.

Garret Anderson and Dallas McPherson also homered for the Angels, who have two games left in Texas before a season-ending three-game series in Oakland.

Texas starter Chan Ho Park (3-7), 0-3 with a 6.55 six September starts, gave up four runs on six hits over 4 1/3 innings. He walked four.

"Chan Ho wasn't sharp enough to be facing a team like this," manager Buck Showalter said.

**Red Sox 10, Devil Rays 8 (1):** At St. Petersburg, Fla., Kevin Millar's two-out, two-run homer in the 11th inning pulled Boston within 2 1/2 games of the New York Yankees in the AL East.

The Red Sox, who clinched a playoff spot Monday, matched their win total for last season and have won 95 games in consecutive seasons for just the third time in franchise history.

David Ortiz doubled off Danys Baez (4-4) with two outs in the 11th. Millar followed with his 18th homer.

Ramiro Mendoza (2-1) pitched two scoreless innings for the victory. Keith Foulke got three outs for his 31st save.



Anaheim Angels' Vladimir Guerrero follows through on his second home run of the game, a three-run shot in the sixth inning of the Angels' 8-2 victory over the Rangers in Arlington, Texas.

**Indians 5, Royals 1:** At Kansas City, Mo., Ryan Ludwick, Ronnie Belliard and Casey Blake homered to help Cleveland hand Kansas City its 100th loss of the season.

Cliff Lee (13-8) retired 16 in a row at one point in 6 1/3 innings.

Darrell May (9-19) leads the major leagues in losses.

**Tigers 6, White Sox 4:** At Detroit, Eric Munson hit a go-ahead, three-run homer in the seventh off Neal Cotts (4-4).

Bobby Higginson reached base in all five plate appearances with a homer, double and three walks. Omar Infante also homered for the Tigers.

In Wednesday's early AL games:

**White Sox 11, Tigers 2:** Carlos Lee hit a grand slam and a two-run homer and Fredy Garcia pitched seven scoreless innings for Chicago.

Ross Gload hit a two-run homer and Joe Borchard and Juan Uribe added solo home runs for the White Sox, who need to win one of their final four games at Kansas City to avoid their first losing season since 1999.

**Orioles 7, Blue Jays 6:** David Newhan singled home the winning run in the bottom of the ninth inning to give Baltimore the victory in the first game of a doubleheader.

Rafael Palmeiro hit two home runs and Miguel Tejada broke Palmeiro's club record with his 143rd RBI of the season to help Baltimore (75-81) keep its slim hope of avoiding a losing season for the first time since 1997.

# Fassero signs with Diamondbacks

The Associated Press

PHOENIX — The Arizona Diamondbacks signed left-handed pitcher Jeff Fassero on Wednesday with four games left this season.

The Colorado Rockies released Fassero on Friday after he and manager Clint Hurdle disagreed about his ability to start against

St. Louis. The Phoenix-area resident, who turns 42 in January, is eight months older than Randy Johnson.

Fassero had a 3-5 record and 6.29 ERA in 12 starts with the Rockies. He also worked 28 games in relief, going 0-3 with a 4.25 ERA.

He went 116-116 with 25 saves and a 4.09 ERA in 661 games, including 235 starts, with Montreal, Seattle, Texas, Houston, Boston, the Chicago Cubs, St. Louis and Colorado.

His last appearance was on Sept. 13, when he pitched two innings of relief against Arizona.

# Suzuki gets two hits vs. A's; just three off Sisler's record

The Associated Press

OAKLAND, Calif. — Had it not been for a crazy bounce, Ichiro Suzuki would have added another hit to his astonishing total.

Suzuki had two hits to move within three of tying the season record, and the Seattle Mariners pounded Oakland starter Tim Hudson in a 7-2 victory Tuesday night that dropped the Athletics into a first-place tie with Anaheim. The Angels won 8-2 at Texas.

In his second at-bat, Suzuki hit a sharp liner that went off Hudson's back and bounced in front of shortstop Bobby Crosby, who had to make a tough play to

stop it. Suzuki was at first. Had Hudson not gotten in the way, it would've been a line drive off the middle.

"Of course when that ball hit Hudson, he acted like it didn't even hit him. He didn't shout any pain," Suzuki said. "Even though he's the enemy, he's a great pitcher and someone I really like."

Oakland dropped out of sole possession of first place for the first time in 54 days, since the team was a half-game behind Texas Aug. 5.

Bret Boone hit a two-run homer and Jeremy Reed had a double among his three hits and

also drove in a run. Gil Meche (7-6) won his third straight decision to beat the A's for the first time in nine career starts.

Greg Dobbs added two hits and two RBIs for Seattle (61-96), trying to avoid the club's first 100-loss season since 1983. The A's have lost six of eight.

Once we figure out how to pitch to Reed and Dobbs, we'll be in good shape," Hudson said. "We're not supermen out there. All those darn September callups, that's our kryptonite, I guess. Five games left and we're all knotted up. We need to win three of five and they need to lose three of five."

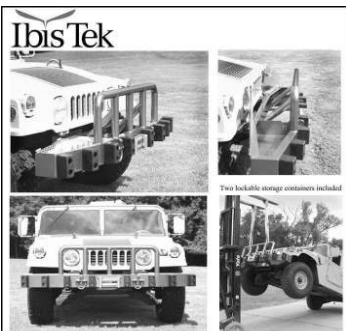
Suzuki finished 2-for-5 and needs four hits in Seattle's final five games to break George Sisler's 84-year-old record of 257 hits in a season.

"Five games left and it's been a good season for me. I hope I don't regret anything and go out there and finish it off," Suzuki said.

The Mariners tagged the Hudson for three runs on four hits in the first inning. Suzuki's double, Edgar Martinez's RBI single to center, a double by Raul Ibanez and Reed's run-scoring single. The right-hander allowed seven runs on 11 hits in six innings, struck out three and didn't walk a batter.



Seattle Mariners' Ichiro Suzuki connects for his 254th hit of the season against Oakland.



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# Mets try again, hire Expos GM Minaya for front office

The Associated Press

**NEW YORK** — The New York Mets are recruiting their front office for the second straight offseason, hiring Omar Minaya from the Montreal Expos to become the head of baseball operations.

Minaya, the Expos general manager for the past three seasons, was contacted earlier this week and told the Mets on Tuesday

that he would leave the Expos to return to New York, a baseball official said on the condition he not be identified.

Mets owner Fred Wilpon declined comment Tuesday on Minaya's move.

Minaya had spoken with the Mets last fall and was offered a job, but declined it when he was not offered full decision-making power. He now will be above General Manager Jim Duquette in the hier-

archy, although his formal title has not yet been determined, the baseball official said.

Minaya's hiring probably will be announced Friday, the official said, when the Expos start a season-ending three-game series with New York.

He was senior assistant general manager of the Mets under Steve Phillips before he was hired by the commissioner's office as general manager of the Expos in 2002.

He is known for his emphasis on scouting and player development, and while with the Texas Rangers was responsible for the signing of Sammy Sosa.

New York has already told manager Art Howe that he is being fired at the end of the season.

Minaya's status with the Expos was uncertain. The team likely will be moved to Washington, D.C., for next season.

## Major League Baseball scoreboard

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## SPORTS

## Navy on defensive

Commander In Chief's Trophy motivates Midshipmen, Falcons

BY MARK SCHLABACH

The Washington Post

A few minutes after Navy beat Army last December, Athletic Director Chet Gladchuk had an order for Capt. Greg Cooper, the academy's deputy director of athletics. "Go get the trophy," Gladchuk told him. Two days later, Cooper flew to the Air Force Academy, where he gladly accepted the Commander In Chief's Trophy from the Falcons.

But later that day, when Cooper arrived at Colorado Springs, Colo., Airport with the trophy delicately packed in its metal box, airline officials told him they couldn't fit the box through the boarding door or into the cargo hold of the jet taking him to Baltimore. Airline personnel suggested shipping the trophy, which would arrive in three or four days.

Cooper don't understand," Cooper told them. "I'm not going back to the academy without it."

So Cooper did what any proud Midshipman would do. He rented a U-haul truck, strapped the trophy in and drove more than 1,700 miles to Annapolis, Md.

"I never realized there were so many country-western radio stations between here and Colorado Springs," Cooper said. "It was a labor of love, but we were eager to show the Midshipmen what they'd won."

For the past 10 months, the Commander In Chief's Trophy, which is given annually to the winner of the football competition among Army, Navy and Air



Navy at Air Force  
8:30 a.m. Friday  
APN-Sports

Game time is Japan/Korea Standard.

Force, has sat in a glass case in Bancroft Hall, which houses more than 4,000 midshipmen at the academy. Navy hadn't won the trophy since 1981, but by beating Air Force, 28-25, and Army, 34-6, the Midshipmen claimed the 2½-foot, 170-pound trophy topped by three footballs.

Navy will try to take the first step in retaining the trophy Thursday night when it plays Air Force at Falcon Stadium. The Midshipmen are off to their first 4-0 start since 1979; Air Force is 2-2, having lost to nationally ranked California and Utah. Navy plays Army (winless so far) Dec. 4 in Philadelphia; the Falcons play the Cadets on Nov. 6 in West Point, N.Y.

"We've had that taste back in our mouths," Navy quarterback Aaron Polanco said. "It means so much to all of the midshipmen and the entire fleet. It just means so much to everyone involved."

Navy has won the trophy in consecutive seasons only once, in 1978 and 1979. Air Force, which had won the trophy for six consecutive seasons before last season, has won the trophy 16 times since

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Senior quarterback Aaron Polanco (6) leads Navy (4-0) with an average of 98.2 rushing yards a game.

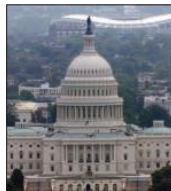
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